



Report of January 2015 Meeting

This report is an annual report of the Pharo consortium.

The meeting was held 27 on skype and 29/30 during the PharoDays conference in January 2015.

Present in the discussions were:

S. Ducasse
E. Lorenzano
M. Denker from RMOD
O. Nierstrasz from SCG
N. Hartl from 2Denker
P. Hatch from LabWare
A. Valloud from
D. Henrichs from Gemtalks
M. Leske from netstyle
N. Passerini from Uqbar
C. Thorgrimsson from Lamrc

S. Van CaeckenBerghe
H. Aris from Beta9
C. Denker from 2Denker
J. Brichau from 2Rivers
L. Fabresse from EMD
F. Stephany from Tamere
P. Back from HighOctane
S. Eggermont from Sensus
R. Ronchaud from Inria
R. Pergl, T. Kubol from CULZ

Agenda Points

- Consortium news
- Main actions in Pharo 40
- Financial Status 2014
- Planned Actions for 2015
- Actions
- Next meetings

Consortium News

We got new consortium members and one retirement.
We have today 13 active consortium members.

- LabWare is now gold member.
- TaMere is bronze consortium member.
- Gemtalk Systems went from Gold to Silver.
- Debris Publishing resigned from the consortium

Five new academic memberships

- FAST
- University of Quilmes
- Software Composition Group of University of Bern
- Faculty of Information Technology
- Mines de Douai IA

We have today nine academic members.

Pharo 40 Actions

We did a light report of the actions performed in Pharo 40. Here is a list of the main features that were worked.

VM:

- Reduced the distance with Cog.
- Worked on Spur (new memory manager, new object format)

Image:

- Modularisation

- Improving OPAL support
- Clean AST support
- Zinc improvements
- Adding Slot and better slot management
- Removing old compiler
- Repackage Morphic (to allow better modularisation)
- Athens (a vector graphic API and back-end - CAIRO) integration
- New Text model (called TxText)
- Started to work on OSWindow (API to access windows and hosts information such as events)

Tools

- Improve debugger (object centric + fixing glitches)
- Fonts with FreeType
- Pass on Spec
- Integrated Glamour
- Integrated GTTools
- Preparing to replace changesorter with Ombu/Epicea

Financial Status 2014

Here is the financial report:

Consortium income planned for 2015	27 000 €
Consortium income 2013:	20 996 €
Consortium income 2014:	28 183 €
Consortium 2013 expenses:	0
Consortium 2014 expenses: 6 months I. Stasenko	28 014 €

Please note that we need two years of funding to pay during one year an engineer.

The total as of January 2015 **47 000 €**

We will hire an engineer for 11 months **45 000 €**

Other past financial sources

Inria expenses 2011: 12 months I. Stasenko	56 028€
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Decisions

The consortium should have meeting every 3 months. Next consortium meetings are

- 30 April 2015 (check)
- 30 July 2015 (check)

A large part of the discussion was spent on ways to make sure that the consortium can pay an engineer once Inria will stop its support. The consortium has one year to raise at least 50000 Euros per year.

The consortium members propose to:

- increase the consortium fees bronze will go from 1000 Euros to 1500 Euros, silver 2000 Euros to 3000 Euros, 4000 Euros to 6000 Euros.
- add a platinum 8000 Euros.

The fees can be discussed (we should take a decision)

We should also discuss the starting dates of the increase. (if we wait in 2016 we will not know if the consortium is sustainable so may be increasing this year is better).

We will recontact the sponsors and asked them to renew their sponsoring.

The consortium members decided to help contacting potential companies that could be member of the consortium. RMoD will communicate all the contacts and information about potential.

We will create a web page hosted at <http://companies.pharo.org> with companies developing in Pharo - even if they are not part of the consortium.

We will create a web page hosted at <http://teachers.pharo.org> with a list of universities teaching using Pharo.

We will create a web page hosted at: <http://search.pharo.org> that will propose some ways of querying Pharo related web pages.

To increase web presence in programmer forum. We will provide an automatic way to publish <http://www.SmalltalkHub.com> hosted projects to <http://www.github.com>.

The consortium will propose a support offer that is not bound to be a consortium member.

We are thinking about the following fee models:

- 25 000 Euros for yearly seven days a week and daily hours support
- 12 000 Euros for workday support
- 1500 Euros for monthly workday support on monthly basis with 3 days max per month (ie 30 days per year max)
- 500 euros for monthly workday support on monthly basis with 8 days cumulated max over the year.

Planned for 2014-2016

E. Lorenzano will be paid by Inria in 2015 to promote the consortium.

The consortium will hire an engineer for 2015 and the cost is around 46000 Euros.

The engineer will work on

- FFI improvement (unified front end, documentation, threaded FFI)
- Database support

Appendix Details

Consortium income 2013:

ESUG	4 000,00
GemTalk Systems	4 000,00
2DENKER	2 000,00
BETA NINE	1 000,00
SENSUS	1 000,00
MAD ENVIRONNEMENT	1 000,00
2RIVERS	1 833,00
HIGH OCTANE	750,00
NETSTYLE	1 500,00
HRWORKS	1 333,00
DEBRIS PUBLISHING	1 500,00
COETIC	580,00
(Sponsoring) CAESAR SYSTEMS	500,00

Consortium income 2014:

GemTalk Systems	4 000,00
LAMRC	4 000,00
ESUG	4 000,00
2DENKER	2 000,00
BETA NINE	1 000,00
SENSUS	1 000,00
MAD ENVIRONNEMENT	1 000,00
2RIVERS	2 000,00
HIGH OCTANE	1 000,00
NETSTYLE	2 000,00
HRWORKS	2 000,00
DEBRIS PUBLISHING	2 000,00
TA MERE	916,66
(Sponsoring) OBJECT PROFILE	600,00

Consortium income 2015:

2DENKER	2 000,00
LAMRC	4 000,00
ESUG	4 000,00
2DENKER	2 000,00
BETA NINE	1 000,00
SENSUS	1 000,00
MAD ENVIRONNEMENT	1 000,00
2RIVERS	2 000,00
HIGH OCTANE	1 000,00
NETSTYLE	2 000,00

HRWORKS	2 000,00
LabWare	4 000,00
TA MERE	1 000,00
Gemtalk Systems	2 000,00

Expenses:

There were no expenses in 2013 for the consortium so that it could collect enough money to pay an engineer full time.

2014 Consortium expenses: 6 months I. Stasenko	28 014.36€
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