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INTRODUCTION
This year was again a busy one for the AEA Hungarian Chapter. We organized eight interesting club meetings and sent out monthly newsletters. The objective of this article is to inspire other chapters and to show future members reasons for joining our Chapter.

The Hungarian Chapter of the AEA started in 2012. There was no such civil organization in the country for the enterprise architect profession, so joining a prestigious international association was a big advantage. After a short preparation period, the new Chapter could start active operation.

AEA CLUB EVENTS
AEA Club events are organized monthly. Each event starts with a presentation and continues with a Q&A session and conversations that can be even longer than the presentation that introduced a topic. The speakers are from various companies. This is also a great opportunity for the attendees to make new contacts for further cooperation.

Participation in these events is free for members of the Chapter and for other interested colleagues with pre-registration. This is an important way to build the Chapter’s contact database. We also acquire new contacts via the short questionnaire used in the download section of the AEA Hungarian Chapter’s webpage.

NEWSLETTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA
A monthly local AEA newsletter is delivered electronically to hundreds of Hungarian architects and other professionals interested in enterprise architecture information.

There is a LinkedIn sub-group under the Global AEA LinkedIn group. Here we use the local language and can exchange information easily with interested architects.

In 2015, the local Chapter started its Facebook page with photos of Chapter events. Now this is an additional channel for reaching architects and showing them the advantages of a professional organization.

An official Twitter channel informs the architects about club events, trainings, conferences, etc.

LOCALIZATION AND DOCUMENT TRANSLATION
In this region in some cases a foreign language can make it difficult to use methods, frameworks, and best practices. It is also true for enterprise architecture documents, and for TOGAF® or ArchiMate® literature.

In this situation members of the AEA Hungarian Chapter decided to take the first steps and translated the basic documents that are important foundations for any other localizations. We are proud to say that the TOGAF® 9.1 Translation Glossary: English – Hungarian and also the ArchiMate® 2.1 Translation Glossary: English – Hungarian were elaborated by our Chapter members and are accessible as Open Group Publications.

With the support of the local chapter a TOGAF PowerPoint slide deck was also created in the Hungarian language. This is a collection of 800 slides where everything, including the diagrams and illustrations, is in our language.

CONFERENCES
It is important for the AEA Hungarian Chapter to be present at certain professional conferences in Hungary. Representatives of the Chapter visited conferences like CIO.hu, HOUG (Hungarian Oracle Users Group) conference, INFOhajó (conference of the Hungarian CIO Association), and also the Parliament of the Information Society.

A sign of recognition is the fact that several organizations offered discounts for the members of the AEA Hungarian Chapter for their local conferences.

In addition to participating in conferences we also gave presentations as part of the program at professional events. The last AEA presentation was part of the HOUG (Hungarian Oracle Users Group) conference program. There was also a conference presentation given by the AEA Hungarian Chapter for CIOs with the
title: “Win the war not the battle” explaining the importance of enterprise architecture methods and tools.

TRAINING

Education is extremely important at some companies where there is not even consensus about the usefulness of the enterprise architecture approach and methods.

There is good cooperation with the Education Services at HP Hungary. The Chapter members receive a 15% discount for regular TOGAF training and workshops organized by HP Education in Hungary. The association supports this training with continuous evangelism regarding the advantages of enterprise architecture methods through its communication channels and the regular trainer who is actually the author of this article.

GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

It is a good practice for the Chapter to have partners. We have good relationships with other professional organizations at the local level. PMI Budapest, Hungarian Chapter, member of PMI, the worldwide organization of project managers, works very efficiently as a local community. The two organizations work together in many ways. We promote each other’s events on our channels. We had an interesting AEA Club event where the president of PMI Budapest was our guest to discuss the viewpoints of project managers and enterprise architects.

HOUG (Hungarian Oracle Users Group) was already mentioned as partner of the AEA local chapter. We plan a joint club event for the coming year. The prestigious John von Neumann Computer Society (NJSZT) has included AEA events in their event calendar and other local organizations have also published AEA events to their contacts.

The Chapter has good relationships with local organizations of the most important IT vendors too. We had AEA Chapter events at HP, IBM, and Microsoft.

SUMMARY OF AEA CLUB EVENTS IN 2015

**EA (Enterprise Architecture) and BA (Business Analysis) Relations**

The questions we discussed in this event were: Where and how is BA and EA information linked? What can be used in each area and what expectations do EA and BA practitioners have of one another? If you know more about the methods and approaches of a connected domain, you can cooperate and use the methods of the other domain and even substitute for each other at some level. BABOK, the “bible” for Business Analysis, that is also useful for enterprise architects, was introduced at this event.

**Enterprise Architecture**

The models and documentation of the architectures in an enterprise are important tools for different professional areas of the company. The typical mistake is handling different components of the architecture separately in different departments with different IT tools. The enterprise architecture approach means integrated management of all the different components of the architectures and use of consolidated high-level models to improve the efficiency of decision-making processes and to reduce the risks caused by the lack of information during decision-making.

**Projects and Architects**

The Project Manager (PM) and Enterprise Architect (EA) professionals work in close collaboration for successful projects. The activities of PM and EA professionals are connected at a number of points. The presentation highlighted these connection points based on the key methodologies and also on best practice. Participants had the opportunity to discuss their personal experiences, and to ask questions as well.

**Enterprise Architecture of the Future**

The presentation outlined the main trends from which you can forecast the future. Cloud and mobile architectures were discussed as well. Participants shared their ideas and their expectations regarding future enterprise architectures.

**Evolution of Architectures – In a Unique Environment**

This Chapter event was organized in a very special, unique environment: the two levels of the Albert Szent-Györgyi Agora building that display real “relics” of computers such as the M3, URAL2, RAZDAN, MINSZK 22, "Ladybird from Szeged", etc., up to almost the present day, in a world-class collection.

No other museum in the world owns such a diverse collection of computing equipment. Dr. Daniel Muszka and Dr. Mihály Bohus, leading professional advisors, provided a unique and unparalleled guided tour, sharing their personal experiences.

**Application Areas of Enterprise Architecture**

This Chapter event started with a question: Is it useful for a Hungarian company to follow TOGAF? The presentation gave an overview of the most important areas where enterprise architect activities can support the mission of a company. In addition to the overview, real project results were also shared. The participants discussed their experiences.
**Enterprise Architecture Implementation Project**  
**Experience at Hungarian Roads Management Company**

The participants heard about the experiences of the phased enterprise architecture introduction/design project that took place at the Hungarian Roads Management Company. The speakers presented the chosen framework, methodology, documentation tool, and modeling language customization. A pilot project and possible future steps were also presented.

**Art of Architectures**

The guest of the last very special AEA Chapter event in 2015 will be Péter Pozsár, senior designer at the Újirány Group. The group gathers architects and landscape architects, who realize projects that include both functions together. Péter is founding curator of Hello Wood that is an independent, international educational platform of design and architecture and a design studio based in Budapest. Their work integrates various fields of art, design, and science. The main activities of Hello Wood are the international art camp every summer, the architecture and design studio, and the research program. Hello Wood is a profoundly democratic opportunity to connect different generations, designers, and artists with various cultural, academic, and professional backgrounds.

**SUMMARY**

There are many advantages of being a member of the AEA Hungarian Chapter that has operated since 2012. The monthly professional events called AEA Club, the access to translations (TOGAF, ArchiMate), support for training, monthly newsletter, discounts for conferences and training, and last in this list but most importantly the networking opportunities with experts on similar topics are reasons to belong to this professional organization. Hopefully, we will see some of you JEA readers as new members of the AEA Hungarian Chapter!


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