Baltimore Wrap Up Article
SHARE Excels in Bal'mer

August 21, 2006 – In the 51st year of its existence, SHARE’s summer event welcomed thousands of enterprise IT professionals to Baltimore for SHARE User Events from August 13-18, 2006. Leading-edge education, unique access to expert developers and plentiful peer networking opportunities highlighted a busy week that marked the beginning of SHARE’s second half-century.

On Monday, August 14th, SHARE was the subject of an article in eWeek, by reporter Daryl K. Taft regarding how IBM officials laid out IBM’s commitment to SOA and the company’s strategy for helping customers migrate to SOA while in Baltimore. Exciting news such as this and spots to satiate a seafood craving were aplenty around the Baltimore Convention Center. Not to mention outgoing President Robert Rosen informing all Welcome Reception attendees how to correctly pronounce Baltimore, or Bal'mer. SHARE would like to thank Robert for his service to the organization and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

Outgoing SHARE President, Robert Rosen, addresses attendees at the Monday Welcome Reception.

Congratulations to the SHARE Election Winners
A Taste of SHARE

IBM is investing significantly in the academic community to prepare students for their IT careers. While SHARE has traditionally been about continuing education for the practicing professional, we have also been interested in how to promote awareness of the SHARE community in each new generation as it enters the workforce.

In Baltimore, SHARE partnered with IBM to explore their options. A group of professors who are already engaged with IBM were invited to experience "A Taste of SHARE". The group represented institutions such as University of Maryland, Syracuse University, Howard University, Illinois State University, Widener College, Stevens Institute of Technology and Long Island University.

On Monday, academic visitors attended sessions to sample technical content, visit the SHARE Technology Exchange and meet with IBM and the SHARE Board of Directors. They were also invited to the Welcome Reception to see first-hand the unstructured community and networking aspects of the SHARE experience.

Best Session Winners from SHARE Winter 2006

The cornerstone of SHARE User Events is the technical session program. SHARE is proud to congratulate the following technical session presenters, and their organizations, for receiving the highest attendee ratings from SHARE's 2006 winter event held in Seattle:

- HEAPs of fun with LE HEAPs - John Monti, IBM Corporation
- Asm 104: Introduction to Assembler Language: 'Boot Camp' - Part 4 of 5 - John Dravnieks, IBM Corporation; John Ehrman, IBM Corporation; Michael Stack, Northern IL University
- The Good, the Bad, and the Really Ugly: DSNZPARM - William Favero, IBM Corporation
- CICSplex/SM: A Single Point of Control for the 'Type A' Personality - Lisa Fellows, Bank of America IBM Business Continuity Solutions - Jeff Barckley, IBM Corporation
- VM Performance Update - Bill Bitner, IBM Corporation
- z/OS UNIX Advanced Topics - Garth Godfrey, IBM Corporation
- JES2 User Experiences: Exit Conversion and Other Cats in the 1.7 Bag Part 2 - Dave Danner, Summit Technical Services, Inc.; Tony DeMichele, Aetna Inc.
- While You Were Sleeping: z/OS Comm Server 'Magic Tricks' You Probably Overlooked - Gwen Dente, IBM Corporation
Best Session Winners from SHARE User Events in Seattle celebrate at the recent SHARE User Events in Baltimore.

RAVE!

To recognize outstanding efforts, SHARE continues the RAVE – Recognize a Valiant Effort – Program. Anyone who participates in a SHARE conference can nominate another meeting participant to recognize efforts over and above the norm.

Angela Schmitz recognizes Jonathan Harter for always doing a high scoring session and for being so gracious about leading the 8:00 am, 6:00 pm and Friday morning sessions. Angela recognizes Henning Strandgaard as he helped out with the EN session on short notice. Angela recognizes Judy Mikill who in addition to presenting three sessions, helped chairing several others.

Mira Willis recognizes Thomas Cosenza for stepping in at the last minute with very little training as a chair volunteer and taking care of several sessions for her project.

John Hogan recognizes Margie House for outstanding support during the SHARE election, including a quantum leap in cleaning up the membership database. John feels Margie’s contribution was not only huge but it was all done with a cheerful attitude.