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Dear valued members of the Ada User Society,

At the first General Assembly of our association, the board of directors committed to producing and distributing a yearly bulletin to keep you abreast of what the Ada community that we represent accomplished in the reporting period, in keeping with our charter.

First and foremost, we have completed the ISO-level process to secure the continuation of active work for Ada under WG 9, for another three years. The term of the previous and long-time convenor, Pat Rogers, a very loyal friend of Ada and staff member of AdaCore, was known to expire at the end of the year 2025, at the same time as his professional retirement. The end of Pat's term coincided with the end of the "work item" for WG 9. Both of which therefore had to be renewed. The process of installing a new convenor requires some amount of background ISO-machinery work up the ISO hierarchy, which means SC 22. That work successfully completed in September, with Tullio Vardanega appointed convenor of WG 9 in place of Pat, for a three-year term (2026-2028).

The next step was for the past and the new convenors to get WG 9 to establish the directions to give the ARG as the "work item" for the 2026-2028 term. Pat and I asked Tucker Taft to sound the Ada community at large and curate the drafting of the "directions document", which is located at these coordinates. WG 9 unanimously approved that document in its October meeting, and passed it along officially to the ARG, which now knows what to work on.

The ARG itself was placed "under maintenance" throughout the year 2025 in the regard of its membership (for prerequisites and expectations) and the associated voting rights. The intent of that operation was to make sure that ARG membership was open to everyone in the Ada community at large who had the technical standing and the personal energy to do a quality job. This refreshed operation has been running for some months now, to everyone's satisfaction. One important element of that arrangement was for the Ada User Society to provide financial cover to the expenses incurred by the Ada Project Editor, Randy Brukhardt, in doing the extensive document-editing work required of that role (ARG minutes, Ada Issues, updates to the Ada Reference Manual and its Annotated version) throughout the calendar year 2025. We are working with Randy to secure a smooth transition to the new Ada Project Editor (still to be identified, mind you) before Randy goes on full retirement.

The other, very important, line of work of the Ada User Society in the reporting period was to facilitate the production of quality Ada artifacts. This work took two interesting directions: In one, Richard Wai and Tucker Taft supported Ethan McDonough, a young and energetic compiler-enthusiast, throughout a "Google Summer of Code Award" project, which produced the first implementation of the core "parallel" features of Ada 2022 for mainline FSF GNAT. Ethan presented his excellent work at the ARG meeting held on December 11, 2025: you are invited to try those long-awaited features out yourselves. In the other line of work, Francisco Oleo Blanco, the main actor behind the yearly "Ada Development Room" initiative, which has now also become a successful workshop at the Ada-Europe yearly conference, and Tucker Taft, established the groundwork to launch the Ada User's Funding Scheme for Ada community tasks and associated call for contributions. We expect the proceeds of this initiative to go live early in the New Year.

I trust this report shows that the Ada User Society did some serious work in the year 2025, which we plan to continue and extend in the future. We invite you all to consider ways to offer your precious time, competence and creativity to contribute to the furthering of these lines of actions in the future.

With this we end this first bulletin, and we wish you, our valued members, and your families and dears, a serene period of festivities a transition into the New Year.