

Hi guys

I would have loved to be with you (and be able to speak spanish). This conference is important and I thank the organizers to organize it. I'm sure that it will be a great event.

Why this conference is important ... because you are building something powerful: a community.

During the conference build contacts.

Continue after the conference, be connected.

Exchange information.

Build a community.

Join mailing-lists.

I think that we are really powerful when connected.

I'm sure that many of you were not aware that there were so much projects in Smalltalk and Smalltalkers in Argentina. I'm sure that this conference will bring a lot of

energy to the community but also to you for your projects.

I urge you as a community to support Smalltalk teachers and to put pressure on Universities to teach Smalltalk. Build a consortium. Offer interns positions. Go in the classrooms and develop testimony. Organize extra lectures.

ESUG has a lot of teaching material ready to use.

It will not work immediately and this will be difficult I know but it pays off.

Teaching Smalltalk and exposing students is important.

I know that Hernan is already doing that. And you should continue.

We need powerful open-source Smalltalk implementations. May be Squeak as it is, is not the solution.

But I'm sure that we can build one.

Participate and help developing a better open-source Smalltalk. Everybody can help, we need better tested packages, better libraries, comments. It is great to see Acancagua, Chronos, Seaside...

Everybody can help. If you want to help and you do not know how contact me. I have some dreams about such open-source Smalltalk.

If you have ideas to promote Smalltalk and you need support, contact ESUG.

So far our squeak book has been downloaded more than 12 000 times. It would be good to make it a real

success. Read it, buy it :). This book is open-source, the french translation is nearly finished, there is a german translation starting and you can help translate it in spanish. I know that Offray Wladimir Luna Cardenas started (offray.luna@javeriana.edu.co). You can also write chapters for the second volume.

This book is important to show that Smalltalk does not need to have publishers willing to publish

Smalltalk books. We waited too long after O'Reilly or others.

We need to create a momentum. Square Bracket Associate can publish other Smalltalk books. We are reviewing another book on Smalltalk in French.

Then there is Seaside and the web. We should create a buzz around Seaside.

People will come for Seaside and stay for Smalltalk. Smalltalk should not miss the web a second time. We need a powerful set of components and visible applications. Help creating the buzz and make money with Smalltalk.

Have fun. Continue to push Smalltalk. And if you want to help there are plenty of things to do.

Stef