

What happened to Simula a.s.

in the end?

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Who worked for Simula a.s.?

People working «for» Simula a.s.		
Eileen Schreiner (NCC)	1/1 - 1985	(NCC)
Peter Jensen	1/1 - 1985	1/2 - 1991
Øystein Myhre	1/1 - 1985	1/2 - 1991
Gunnar Syrrist	1/1 - 1985	7/31 - 1991
Terje Næss	1/1 - 1985	12/31 - 1985
Britt-Kristin Sjaastad	1/1 - 1986	12/31 - 1988
Anne Grete Flaaten (Annte)	1/1 - 1989	12/31 - 1989
Lasse P. Kirkerud	1985	1986

The relationship between NCC & Simula a.s.

The essence of the agreement between NCC and Simula a.s. was that Simula a.s. should cover all expenses for maintenance and development of the existing SIMULA systems at NCC, and should get all income from sale, rental and maintenance of these systems.

Hardware NCC had achieved as a result of the SIMULA development at NCC (more specifically an ND-530) should be taken over by Simula a.s.

Eileen Schreiner would formally be employed at NCC, but the expenses would be covered by Simula a.s.

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Simula a.s. would also carry the responsibility for the SSG (SIMULA Standards Group) and SDG (SIMULA Development Group) secretariat.

The ASU (Association of SIMULA Users) had already established offices at an independent location. Simula a.s. would cover some travel expenses for the board of the ASU, if necessary.

Work locations

The preparations for the transfer of rights and duties from NCC to Simula a.s. started after the summer in 1984, while we were allowed to keep offices at NCC.

In October of 1985 the company moved into offices at Sandaker in Oslo.

A few years later we moved together with Simulation Technology (SimTech), close to Sinsen in Oslo.

Later we moved to another location close by (at Økern) together with SimTech. The owner of the location was ISI a.s.

Work locations

The rental with ISI was terminated by the end of 1991, and we moved offices to P.J.

Later on the company was located at G.S.

Development Projects in Simula a.s.

- The existing «old» SIMULA systems (UNIVAC & IBM) were maintained and sold worldwide.
- The S-Port project was a joint development project between several parties. The ND 500 SIMULA system, based on S-Port (Portable SIMULA) was developed and distributed through Norsk Data.
- The PC SIMULA project was a plain Simula a.s. project, aiming at systems for XENIX/UNIX, OS/2 and MS/DOS.

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- The NCC had several collaboration agreements for the S-Port project. The NCC was responsible for development of the portable part of the system (the front-end), while the collaborators would be responsible for the implementation of the system (the back-end) on a specific set of hardware and operating system.
- Simula a.s. would carry the NCC responsibilities with the collaborators from 1985. Simula a.s. did not have full competence on the complete front-end compiler and run-time system, but did not get the full support from NCC we had envisioned.

10-years Anniversary

- At a board meeting of the company 6/29 – 1994, it was noted that it now was a 10-year anniversary for the company, but no real celebration.

Termination

- Since the summer of 1991 the company did not have any employees.
- At the board meeting 5/25 – 1998 it was agreed that the company should file for a termination at this years general assembly.
- It was no longer worth it to carry the expenses of being an a.s.

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