



**COMMON Belgium and IBM Belgium
celebrate IBM i 30 years**



Steve Will
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Speakers, bios and abstracts
(Sequentially by presentations)



**Philippe
Vanden Bussche**

*** Welcome from COMMON Belgium President**

*** Philippe Vanden Bussche, Strategic IT Management, e5MODE, Belgium.**

Bio:

Philippe Vanden Bussche, currently the Strategic IT Management and Data Protection Officer, has over 30 years of experience at the same company, e-5 MODE, where he started as S38 programmer / System Manager. He has worked with almost all the flavors of IBM midrange servers and now guides the company to correctly meet today's strategy and data protection challenges.

Philippe is President of COMMON Belgium and also sits on the COMMON Europe Advisory Council, the IBM and End User Experts strategy think tank for the IBM i.



Steve Will

*** Two sessions –**

*** Steve Will, Chief Architect - IBM i Operating System, Rochester, MN, USA**

Bio:

Steve has worked on the IBM i operating system and its predecessors since the initial development of the AS/400. Since 2007, he has been the IBM i Chief Architect, responsible for the strategy of the operating system and the plan for future releases.

1. Celebrating 30 years of IBM i

Session abstract:

2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the IBM i operating system, and Steve Will, Chief Architect of IBM i, brings the celebration to COMMON Belgium, sharing client stories and talking about the bright future IBM is preparing for IBM i. As the slogan of the 30th anniversary says, we have "30 years of innovation, and we're just getting started!".

2. The IBM i Box of Chocolates

Session abstract:

In the famous movie, Forrest Gump, Forrest's mother said you never know what you'll get in a box of chocolates. Well, in this presentation by Steve Will, Chief Architect of IBM i, you never know what you're going to get - but we're pretty sure you're going to like every piece! Steve will speak about the IBM i box of chocolates - the state of the IBM i operating system, its plans, its technology and its community.



Geert Judong

- * **ESB: integration in the enterprise**
- * **Geert Judong, IT Architect Brain2, Belgium**

Bio:

Coming soon Geert Judong is an IT Architect working for Brain² since 2007. Coming from a technical background with a degree in ICT, he's been active in analysis & development, as well as leading classes in workflow integration. Over the last years, he has broadened his knowledge in overall technology, application and business solution architecture.

Abstract:

The session will be about how ESB's are playing a major role in a modern, diversified enterprise environment. Although the concept of a Service Bus has been present for multiple years and in many forms, the way they add value to the organization continues to evolve. The ESB is now a significant component to define what the scope of the enterprise can be; from the internal landscape to clients, suppliers and partners.



Fabian Michel

- * **Fabian Michel, Client Technical Architect & Consulting IT Specialist IBM.**

Bio:

Fabian is an Expert Level Certified Consulting IT Specialist. He is acting as a Client Technical Architect for IBM Systems in Belgium. He holds a Masters' degree in sciences of industrial engineering (M.Sc. Engineering) in electronics. His areas of expertise cover infrastructure solutions design, performance, virtualization, storage, and high availability. He has over 23 years of experience in the computing fields of Power Systems, IBM i, Linux, Open-Source solutions, and storage.

Fabian wrote the very first paper about Flash Systems & IBM i and he also developed the FLiP tool to predict Flash Storage impact on IBM i workloads. Both of them earned him worldwide recognition. Often sought by clients as a recognized Technology and Performance advisor, Fabian is also a frequent speaker at customer events.

IBM i 7.3 Technical Refresh 4

Session abstract:

IBM i is constantly evolving. This presentation will cover all the content of the recently announced Technology Refresh 4 (TR4) for IBM® i 7.3. This latest TR provides not only support for the brand-new POWER9™ hardware, but also enhanced security, a variety of new capabilities for programmers, a new USB install option, a whole set of IBM i Access Client Solutions enhancements, and a lot more to discover...



Shrirang "Ranga" Deshpande

- * **COMMON Europe Congress, Warsaw, 17-20 June 2018**
- * **Shrirang "Ranga" Deshpande, President, COMMON Europe.**

Bio:

Shrirang "Ranga" Deshpande, the former IT Director of Institut Jules Bordet, the Comprehensive Cancer Centre of the University of Brussels, Belgium, is an IBM Champion since 2012 and Lifetime Achievement Award winner of the IT Executive Circle, a premier CIO think tank in Belgium.

A very active volunteer of the community, Ranga is President of COMMON Europe and Vice-President and Events Organizer of COMMON Belgium. Ranga sits on the Common Europe Advisory Council (CEAC) since its launch in 1991, helping IBM shape the future of IBM i.

Constant improvement of people's quality of life through the informatics ecosystem is his passion.

Session abstract:

With over 75 sessions from IBM and industry expert speakers from around the world, the COMMON Europe Congress this June in Warsaw, Poland, is the largest and unique IBM Power and IBM i education and networking European event. See the details at <http://congress.comeur.org/>.

Register early and save: <https://www.comeur.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3288>.

*** IBM i Hall of Fame –**

**Francine Wiener,
Louis Cuypers,
Jos Vermaere,
Paul Masschelein,
Dimi Van Langenhoven**

The brilliant history of IBM i spans over 30 years and has a promised bright future for the next 30. Senior and very junior IT professionals will share their stories with us about why they love this platform.



Jacques Platieu

*** Closing session**

*** Jacques Platieu, Country General Manager Belgium-Luxembourg**

Bio:

Jacques Platieu holds a degree in Mathematics and Computer Sciences from the University of Mons-Hainaut, Belgium.

Mr. Platieu began his career at IBM Belgium in the Telecommunications division as System & Sales Engineer. From 1990 to 1994 he was Client Executive for major international clients. In 1995, Jacques took the responsibility of the software business as Software Group Executive for Belgium/Luxembourg. In 1998, he had in parallel the lead of the Software Group at IBM France as Sales Director. In 2002, Mr. Platieu became Director of the Data Management and Business Intelligence Division for the West Region of Europe.

In July 2003, he joined the Business Consulting practice of IBM Belux as Partner and Industrial Sector Leader and in 2005 Jacques Platieu became General Manager of IBM Global Business Services for Belgium/Luxembourg. In July 2005, his responsibility was extended to the Benelux. Mr Platieu has been Vice-President and General Manager of IBM Global Business Services for the BeNeLux up to March 2010. On April 6th 2010, Mr. Platieu was named Vice-President, Country General Manager for IBM Belgium & Luxembourg.

Jacques Platieu is board member of various associations, UWE, VOKA, BECI and Agoria. He is Vice-President of Futurocité in Mons and President of the Basket Ball Club of Braine.

Agenda:

- 13:30 Welcome coffee
- 14.00 Event opening - Philippe Vanden Bussche, President COMMON Belgium
- 14.10 Celebrating 30 years of IBM i - Steve Will, IBM i Chief Architect, Rochester, USA
- 14.50 ESB: integration in the enterprise, Geert Judong, IT Architect Brain2, Belgium
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:50 COMMON Europe Congress, Warsaw, 17-20 June 2018 – Shrirang “Ranga” Deshpande, President COMMON Europe
- 16:05 IBM i 7.3 Technical Refresh 4 - Fabian Michel, Client Technical Architect, IBM Belgium
- 16:45 The IBM i Box of Chocolates - Steve Will, IBM i Chief Architect, Rochester, USA
- 17:25 IBM i Hall of Fame – Francine Wiener, Louis Cuypers, Jos Vermaere, Paul Masschelein, Dimi Van Langenhoven
- 17:45 Closing session - Jacques Platieu, Country General Manager Belgium-Luxembourg

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- 18:00 Cake cutting
- 18:15 Buffet Dinner