**State of RPG and
State of Db2 for i in 2021**
Bonus "Why You Should Not Believe in Wine Experts"
30 March – 14:30 CET (13:30 GMT)
A Common Belgium Digital Event

Topics, panelists, moderators and speakers

14:30-14:40 – Welcome, Philippe Vanden Bussche, President, Common Belgium	
14:40-15:30 – State of RPG on IBM i in 2021	

Susan Gantner
Partner/ Co-Owner Partner400 and System i Developer, Canada

Panelist -
Susan Gantner is an IBM i evangelist, developer, educator and author. She specializes in mod-ern development techniques and tools, primarily with RPG and RDi.
As part of Partner400, she delivers customized education offerings for IBM i shops and local user groups. She is also part of System i Developer, co-hosting the semi-annual RPG & DB2 Summit events.
Susan co-authored of 2 IBM Redbooks on modern RPG coding and you can find online a wide variety of her articles and blog posts about RPG, RDi and Db2 for i written for IBM Systems Magazine, IT Jungle and others. She has been honored as an IBM Champion for Power Systems for many years.

Jon Paris
Partner/ Co-Owner Partner400 and System i Developer, Canada

Panelist -
Jon's career in IT spans 50+ years including a 12-year period with IBM's Toronto Laboratory. One of his proudest achievements during that period was being one of the "fathers" of RPG IV. Jon is the co-founder of Partner400, a firm specializing in customized education and mentoring services for IBM i developers and a founding member of the System i Developer education consortium which, among other things organizes the RPG & DB2 Summits. Jon is active on many IBM i related internet lists and writes regularly for trade publications. You can find his "collected works" at the Authory site https://authory.com/jonparisandsusangantner

Paul Tuohy
ComCon and System i Developer, Ireland

Panelist -
IBM Champion Paul Tuohy, is a prominent consultant / trainer / educators for application modernization and development technologies on the IBM Midrange. He currently holds positions as CEO of ComCon, a consultancy firm based in Dublin, Ireland, and founding partner of System i Developer, the consortium of top educators who produce the acclaimed RPG & DB2 Summit conference. Previously, he worked as IT Manager for Kodak Ireland Ltd. and Technical Director of Precision Software Ltd.
In addition to hosting and speaking at the RPG & DB2 Summit, Paul has been an award-winning speaker at COMMON, COMMON Europe Congress and other conferences throughout the world. His articles frequently appear in IBM Systems Magazine, The Four Hundred Guru, RPG Developer, and other leading publications.
Paul also produces the popular iTalk with Tuohy audio blog with TechChannel (formerly IBM Systems Magazine)

State of RPG and State of Db2 for i in 2021
Bonus "Why You Should Not Believe in Wine Experts"
30 March – 14:30 CET (13:30 GMT)
A Common Belgium Digital Event

Page 2

Peter Boesman Application Manager, Solucious Colruyt Group Belgium	**Moderator -** Hi, I am Application Manager at Solucious. Solucious is a B2B or Foodservice company in Belgium and belongs to the Colruyt Group, Belgiums largest retailer. We make sure that our foodservice clients can order fresh, frozen and dry goods to be delivered at their doorstep. We have about 1000 deliveries a day in Belgium from 2 warehouses. We have clients in Social, Commercial, Catering and also in private sector. Find out more about us on www.solucious.be As Application manager I am responsible that existing applications continue to run as before ... forever ... We use the IBMi platform as a backend since many years, and we integrate with a lot of other utilities for certain functionalities. The IBMi backend is mainly used for order-processing, warehouse picking, warehouse management and invoicing. Alongside the IBMi applications I have some 50 other tools, applications & devices to manage for reporting, transport planning, EDI messaging, Archiving, ... Since last year we're also working with DB2 Web Query. We use RDI and some Arcad tooling for development purposes.

15:40-16:30 – State of Db2 on i in 2021

Scott Forstie Db2 for i Architect, IBM USA	**Panelist -** Scott Forstie is a Senior Technical Staff Member within IBM i development and spends most of his time working as the Db2 for i Architect. He has worked on IBM operating system development since joining IBM in 1989. Scott is a frequently published author, speaker at industry events around the globe and can be found @Forstie_IBMi and forstie@us.ibm.com. Scott is an avid runner and enjoys cooking. Websites: http://ibm.biz/Db2foriServices http://ibm.biz/IBMi_ACS IBM i Services (SQL) ibm.biz
Birgitta Hauser Database and Software Architect, Modernization - Education - Consulting on IBM i Germany	**Panelist -** Birgitta Hauser worked on the IBM i and its predecessors since 1992. She graduated with a business economics diploma. Currently she is self-employed. She works as a programmer on IBM i but also as Database and Software Architect, focusing on IBM i application and Db2 for i database modernization on IBM i and Db2 for i. She also works in education as trainer for RPG and SQL developers. Since 2002 she has frequently spoken at the COMMON User Groups and other IBM i and Power Conferences and Webcasts in Germany, other European Countries, USA and Canada. She is an IBM Champion 2021.

State of RPG and
State of Db2 for i in 2021
Bonus "Why You Should Not Believe in Wine Experts"
30 March – 14:30 CET (13:30 GMT)
A Common Belgium Digital Event

Page 3

Juan Manuel Alcudia IBM I Specialist CD-Invest Spain	**Panelist -** Juan Manuel is a DB2 and Performance specialist for IBM i. After some years working for a Business Partner in Spain he joined Software Services in Spain, then he moved to Systems Lab Services being part of the Extended Rochester Team for IBM i Performance. After meeting IBM Champion Koen Decorte in a COMMON conference, he joined CD-Invest to create a new branch for Spain as well as to collaborate in the Belgium projects audio blog with TechChannel (formerly IBM Systems Magazine).
Koen Decorte IBM I Specialist, CD-Invest Belgium	**Moderator -** Koen Decorte is owner of CD Invest, an international IBM business partner with offices in Belgium and Spain. CD-Invest is specialized in innovating and modernizing IBM i applications. Koen and his team developed several innovative applications such as a web based 3D furniture configurator on IBM i. Koen is IBM Champion since 2018 and CEAC (common europe advisory board) member.

16:40-16:50 – Common Europe Congress 2021 – on-line and in-person editions, Ranga Deshpande, Common Europe

16:50-17:05 – Message from IBM Belgium-Luxembourg Country General Manager

Bart Windal Country General Manager Belgium/Luxembourg and Vice President at IBM Belgium	As Country General Manager, Bart is responsible for all professional activities of IBM Belgium and Luxembourg. He has more than three decades of experience in the technology industry and has in-depth knowledge of the Belgian, Luxembourg and global professional environment. For the past four years he has been active as Enterprise Sector Unit Executive for Belux at IBM. Previously, Bart held a variety of leadership roles in training and sales within several IBM divisions in Europe, the world and the Benelux. He graduated from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, where he obtained a BA in Economics, as well as a Masters in IT Management. I am passionate about "change" for the better. Bart loves to be part of a team making things happen and achieving the common goals. Leading from the front and running a people business drives his energy. To achieve this, he is a strong believer of a clear mindset around personal consistency, authenticity, a concern to build mutual trust, drive results, continuous learning and the critical importance of emotional intelligence.

17:15-17:55 – Why you should not believe wine experts **17:55-18:15- Real life wine tasting**	
  Fabrizio Bucella Professor at Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) & Director at Inter Wine & Dine (IWD) Belgium	Fabrizio Bucella is a physicist, doctor of science and university professor at the Free University of Brussels. He teaches in the masters of vine and wine law from the University of Bordeaux and wine and spirits law from the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne. He is also a sommelier and heads the Inter Wine & Dine enology school in Brussels. With Dunod editions, he is the author of successful titles such as Why do we drink wine? or My food and wine pairing course.
18:15 – End of the day	