(F) Smalltalk

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Dear Paul:

You probably thought you have done enough work for us on
Smalltalk-80 by reviewing the book, right? Wrong. You now must
participate in the First International Conference of Smalltalk-
80 Implementors to be held Thursday, September 24 - Friday,
September 25, at Xerox PARC, 2400 Hanover St., Palo Alto.

This conference will consist of a couple of representatives from
each of the groups currently implementing Smalltalk-80. As we
have said before, the purpose of this meeting is to:

    Share experiences and useful information about the release
    process,

    Recommend last minute changes to the system (the final image
    is scheduled to be complete 9/30),

    Discuss standards and the possibility of a Smalltalk Users
    Group,

    Discuss publishing a collection of our experiences in a
    journal (such as <u>Software: Practices and Experiences</u>) or in a
    book.

Because of its nature, we believe that the people who could best
contribute to, and benefit from, this meeting are those who have
actually done the implementations. Therefore we request that
only those people attend. However, if you feel that another
person or two not directly involved could contribute to this
meeting, that would be ok with us.

As we have tried to do throughout the Smalltalk-80 release
process, we hope to protect the proprietary aspects of each of
your Smalltalk projects. We certainly do not expect your
implementors to reveal anything about their implementations that
would be of a proprietary nature to your company. However, we

think that there is a great deal of information, especially with respect to the process itself and Smalltalk-80 in general, that each of the participants could contribute and benefit from without touching on such touchy matters.

A tentative agenda for the meeting is:

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Thursday am: people fly in, coffee and doughnuts, discuss the agenda,

Thursday pm: discussion of the release process and experiences, followed by discussion of the system,

Friday am: more discussion of the system, followed by discussion of Smalltalk itself,

Friday pm: people fly out.

For those of you from out of town, we have made some reservations at the Palo Alto Holiday Inn for the night of the 24th. However, since we would like you to pay for your own rooms, and some of you might like to handle booking a room yourself, we ask that you please contact Janet Moreland, (415) 494-4381, with details of your hotel plans.

I am looking forward to having everyone together at once; it should be an exciting meeting. Please call me, (415) 494-4395, or Janet to tell us how many of you will attend, and to give any suggestions as to the form and/or content of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Glenn Krasner