EDA CONSORTIUM HOSTS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER TO PRESERVE EDA HISTORY AT THE COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM

Mountain View, Calif. — October 28, 2013 — Celebrating the past 50 years of the Electronic Design Automation (EDA) industry, the EDA Consortium (EDAC) hosted “EDA: Back to the Future,” an industry reunion featuring dinner, entertainment, and a fundraising auction on October 16. The event was held at the Computer History Museum, the world’s leading institution exploring the history of computing and its ongoing impact on society located in Mountain View, California. Attended by over 280 EDA industry veterans, the event raised over $30,000 towards the continued development of the EDA Oral Histories Collection. The oral histories collected as part of this program will be a permanent addition to the Museum archive that documents the history of the EDA industry.

“The EDA Consortium is proud to have hosted this event, with the largest attendance of any EDAC event to date, to raise funds for the Computer History Museum for the preservation of the rich history of the EDA industry,” said Kathryn Kranen, EDAC Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer of Jasper Design Automation.

The EDA Oral Histories Collection at the Museum includes an oral history archive with transcripts, featuring interviews with key pioneers and contributors to EDA. These oral histories will be hosted online permanently as part of the Museum’s Oral Histories Collection, which is now approaching 700 oral histories of leading figures in computing history from around the world.

“We appreciate the tremendous outpouring of support for the EDA Oral Histories Collection and Exhibit at the Museum by the attendees present at this excellent event. The money raised will help preserve the stories of this dynamic industry while inspiring future EDA innovation,” said John Hollar, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Computer History Museum.

Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the EDA Consortium, added, “We were thrilled to see many EDAC board members and other industry luminaries step up and donate items and their personal time to the live and silent auctions to support the continuation of this important collection.”
Companies sponsoring this event included Ansys/Apache, ARM, Atrenta, Berkeley Design Automation, Cadence, Gary Smith EDA, Gradient Design Automation, Heart of Technology, IC Manage, Jasper Design Automation, Mentor Graphics, MP Associates, Nimbic, PDF Solutions, SemiWiki.com, Synopsys, and TSMC.

About the EDA Consortium

The EDA Consortium is the international association of companies that provide design tools and services that enable engineers to create the world’s electronic products used for communications, computer, space technology, medical, automotive, industrial equipment, and consumer electronics markets, among others. For more information about the EDA Consortium, visit www.edac.org.

About the Computer History Museum

The Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California is a nonprofit organization with a four-decade history as the world’s leading institution exploring the history of computing and its ongoing impact on society. The Museum is dedicated to the preservation and celebration of computer history and is home to the largest international collection of computing artifacts in the world, encompassing computer hardware, software, documentation, ephemera, photographs and moving images.

The Museum brings computer history to life through large-scale exhibits, an acclaimed speaker series, a dynamic website, docent-led tours and an award-winning education program. The Museum’s signature exhibition is “Revolution: The First 2000 Years of Computing,” described by USA Today as “the Valley’s answer to the Smithsonian.” Other current exhibits include “Charles Babbage's Difference Engine No. 2,” and “Going Places: The History of Google Maps with Street View.”

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