

**CEPIS**  
**Personal reflections on the  
formative years**

**Peta Walmisley**  
**Secretary 1988-2000**



**Part of Rio de Janeiro from Sugar Loaf Mountain**

# Societies that attended the meeting to discuss the Common Market on 4 November 1988:

Federation of Belgian Informatics Associations (FAIB-FBVI ) – Belgium †\*

Association Française pour la Cybernétique Economique et Technique (AFCET) – France\*°

Association Française des Informaticiens (AFIN) – France †

Gesellschaft fuer Informatik eV (GI) – Germany\*°

Greek Computer Society (GCS) – Greece\*°

Irish Computer Society (ICS) – Ireland † \*

Associazione Italiano per l'Informatica (AICA) – Italy † \*

Nederlands Genootschap voor Informatica (NGI) – Netherlands † \*

Federacion Espaniola de Sociedades de Informatica (FESI) – Spain\*°

British Computer Society (BCS) – UK †\*°

† denotes Professional body

\* denotes National IFIP Member

° denotes Learned Society



**Some of the Founders, who attended the 4 November 1988 meeting, at the 10th Anniversary celebrations in 1998: back l to r: Maurice Elzas, Syl Bogaerts, Hermann Rampacher, Brian Oakley, Peter Morrogh, Francisco Lopez Crespo, Jim Brookes; front: Marie-France Kalogera, David Hartley, Peta Walmisley**

# **CEPIS's mission, agreed in Paris in 1989, was summarised as:**

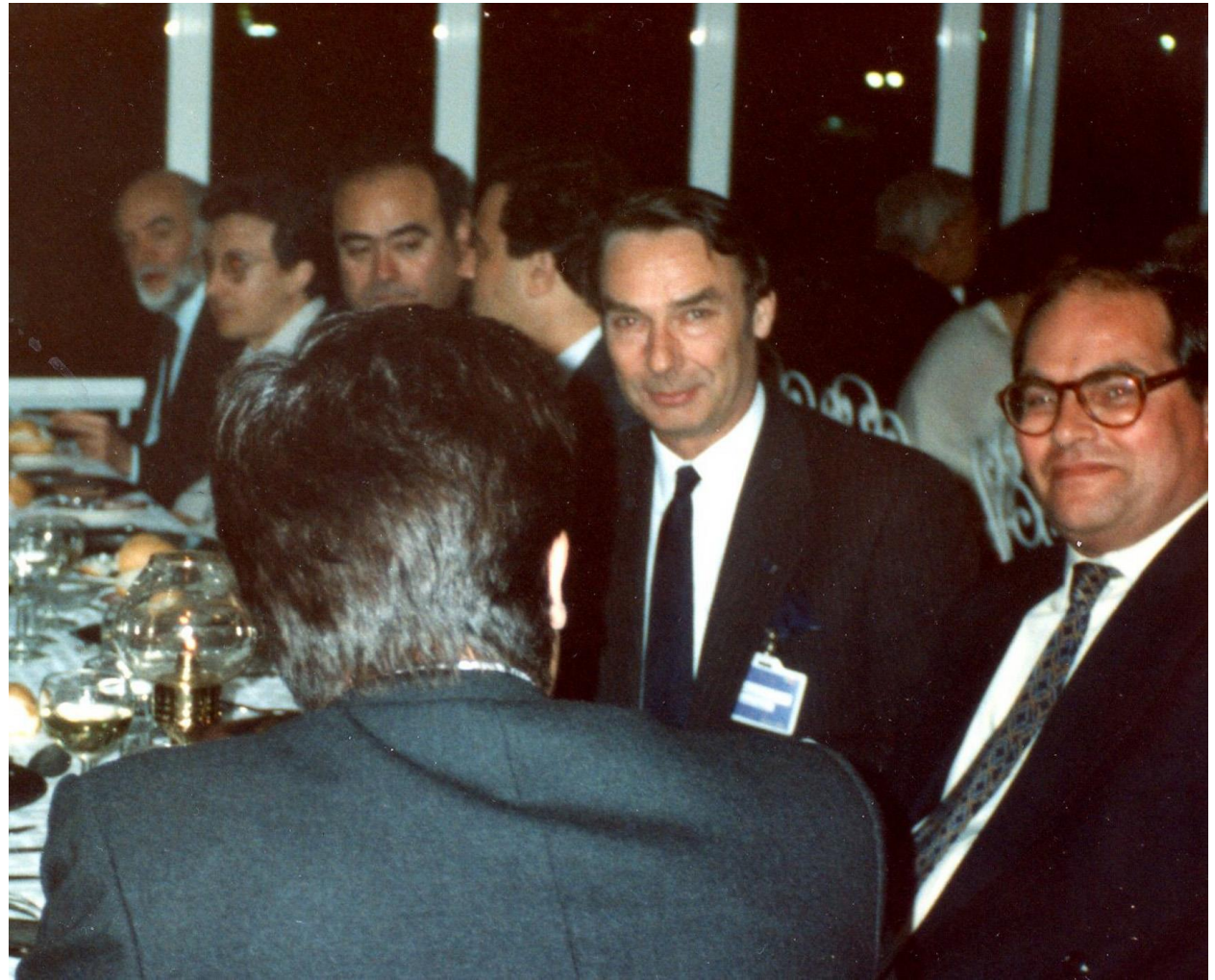
*'To provide a co-ordinated European voice that is able to represent to European institutions the views of European informatics professionals on major issues.'*

# Membership of the Council in April 1991

- AFCET - Association Française pour la Cybernétique Economique et Technique
- AICA - Associazione Italiana per l'Informatica
- BCS - British Computer Society
- DD - Dansk Dataforening
- DND - Den Norsk Dataforening
- FESI - Federacion Espaniola de Sociedades de Informatica
- FIPA - Finnish Information Processing Association
- GI - Gesellschaft fuer Informatik eV
- GCS - Greek Computer Society
- ICS - Irish Computer Society
- NGI - Nederlands Genootschap voor Informatica
- OCG - Osterreichische Computer Gesellschaft
- SI - Societe Suisse des Informaticiens



**Gavin  
Kirkpatrick  
(centre)  
with  
colleagues**





**Members in Seville in April 1991**





**An Executive Team was elected at the 1993 Council meeting in Munich. Seen here are members of the 1995 Executive Committee: Dudley Dolan, Roger Johnson, Roland Vollmar, Georges Stamon, Jaakko Kivinen, Wolter Koops and Maurice Elzas**

**‘Lastly, and beyond 1992, the present European renaissance now offers us the almost certain prospect of embracing “the other Europe” before the year 2000 as countries like Poland, Hungary and the Baltic states which were so much part of the earlier European renaissance soon come in from the economic and political cold.’**

**Gavin Kirkpatrick**





**Vienna in March 1993, when IFIP and CEPIS signed an agreement of cooperation: a reception at the City Hall**

# Objectives set in 1994

1. To promote throughout Europe:
  - the common interests and free movement of European informatics professionals;
  - the mutual recognition of professional informatics qualifications and the acceptance of professional standards by all involved in the practice and use of informatics;
  - the encouragement of compliance with the CEPIS Code of Professional Conduct;
  - scientific and technical co-operation in the field of information and its exploitation, through publications and the exploitation of electronic communication;
  - the sponsorship of activities which inform and illuminate matters of general public interest.
  
2. To inform European Institutions and recognised European bodies of the views of the informatics professional and to liaise with them to provide opportunities for convergence and co-operation.
  
3. To advise on and contribute to the development of European legislation in the light of the continuing evolution of informatics.



**Piet van  
de Kamp  
and his  
wife  
Corrie  
with  
Richard  
Walmisley  
(centre)**



**The key to the success of CEPIS lies in the existence of professional, technical, intellectually independent individuals**



**Marie-France Kalogera learning to drink beer in Munich**





**Dancing in Budapest: Maurice Elzas with a Spanish waitress and Maria Toth with Pal Konyves-Toth (no relation!)**





**The Executive Committee, with their wives, enjoyed an evening of singing at Jaakko and Hilkke Kivinen's home in Helsinki: l to r: Nils Hoeg, Guilio Occhini, Roger Johnson, Peta, Dudley Dolan, Jaakko, Wolter Koops and Georges Stamon**

**Giorgio  
Sacerdoti  
being  
helped onto  
a boat on the  
River  
Thames  
during the  
Council's  
meeting in  
London in  
1996**







**The Founders' Lunch in London in November 1998: l to r: Maurice Elzas, Syl Bogaerts, Marie-France Kalogera, Hermann Rampacher, David Hartley, Brian Oakley, Peter Morrogh Peta, Francisco Lopez Crespo and Jim Brookes**



**Members of the Executive Committee and their wives boarding a steam launch on Conniston Water, in Britain's Lake District, in April 2000**





**Members of CEPIS Council on the steps of the BCS Offices in London in 1996**