The Excitement is Building

I just returned from Mac World Boston, where I met a good number of enthusiastic Newton developers at Developer Central. Granted, I took some heat for demoing Newton Toolkit for Windows on a Pentium (at a Macintosh expo no less), but as the implications of making Newton development available to the Windows community began to dawn on folks, their eyes lit up. "This is a very good thing" they said. I have to agree - the possibilities are endless, and the excitement is growing.

Speaking of excitement, I want to invite each of you to the upcoming Fall Newton Developers Conference on November 4, 5, and 6th in San Francisco, California. Bring a hat to hold onto, as there will be plenty of extremely interesting news, technical presentations, hardware demos, and labs. Be sure to bring your existing code, for reasons you'll hear about later. Be prepared to be **blown away.** (I'm really not very good at keeping secrets, can you tell?) For conference registration information, please visit the Newton Development Homepage at http://devworld.apple.com/dev/newtondev.shtml.

Speaking of secrets, you've probably heard by now that Apple has wisely formed the Information Appliances Division, of which Newton is a part. Jim Groff was named Senior Vice President of the division by Dr. Gil Amelio in early June. Mr. Groff has a strong and vocal commitment to Newton and a rich history with Apple which spans a wide range of product and market areas, from Internet servers to Education. Sandy Benett was formally named as Vice President of the Newton Systems Group (he was acting in the position for quite some time), and antoher new face is that of Barbara Groth, who now heads up the Newton Solutions Marketing group (formerly known as Developer Relations). You'll be hearing more detail on the structure of this key group in months ahead.

In this issue of Newton Technologies Journal, we bring you coverage of Newton Communications in the form of Message Enabling and FDILs articles. We heighten your programming finesse with articles on User Interface tips and how to shorten your development cycle using unit references. In the debugging arena, you'll find advanced techniques using mock entries, and an excerpted article on debugging techniques from the newly updated book "Programming for the Newton, 2nd Edition" by Julie McKeehan and Neil Rhodes. And we bring you important information on the long-awaited Newton Connections Utility for Newton 2.0.

Keep your eyes open for December's issue, which no Newton developer will want to miss. To all of you who spoke with me at Mac World, thank you for your product demos, and to all Newton developers, thank you for your enthusiasm, your belief in your products, and your ongoing commitment to Newton. I am confident that all of your hard work is about to pay off. The future is very bright on the Newton front.

See you at the conference!

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