ceCMG has been holding conferences for over twenty years and this was the fifth I have attended.

This is one of the more successful international CMG chapters, with over 100 delegates attending the conference which now has a core of two days of sessions and a final morning of workshops. The conference had four tracks throughout. The exhibition was quite small with six vendors using table top displays and expanding panel boards in the corridor between the session rooms where there were also refreshments. Each company had two or three attendees. The vendor companies were HTWC, Intellimagic, Intercom Computer System, NextStride, TPS Data and Zit Consulting.


The international presence from other chapters was significant with two from Italy (Danilo Gipponi and Fabio Ottaviani, both from EPV), one from Austria (Mag. Karl Grob), one from NLCMG (Peter van Eyck), one from the USA (Mullen award winner, Michael Giglio) and one from Ireland (on behalf of CMG & UKCMG – Adam Grummitt).

There was an English-Speaking stream with 6 papers over the two days and one workshop. The English speaking papers were all very interesting and well presented (though clearly I cannot speak for the CMG plenary):

- Best Speaker from CMG Italy (Mauro Contessa: Business Capacity Management in UBISS)
- Dr Peter Zoeteweij (IntelliMagic: Visibility into the Storage Cloud)
- CMG Mullen Award winner (Michael Giglio: The Penguins have landed)
- Adam Grummitt CMG plenary (The benefits of the virtual world of CMG networking)
- Fabio Ottaviani (EPV: Exploiting CPU Measurement Facility Sampling)
- Makram Hanin (adhoc: Performance Engineering & the Cloud)
- and the workshop by Makram Hanin (Application Performance Management/ Performance Engineering for the Cloud Generation).

I am sorry that I cannot sensibly comment on the German-speaking side of the programme, but I could see there were plenty of papers on hot topics like the Cloud, Cyber-Security, Mobile information Intelligence etc. I gathered from the talented multi-linguists present that the papers were of a high quality.

The conference was held in an excellent hotel at the airport with an excellent room rate. The airport has good rail connections and the trains in Germany run on time.

The whole conference was well planned and run excellently by a small team of five directors (led by Wolfram Greis and Markus Bauer) with a small number of volunteers and a part time administrator. The colour coded programme was available for download from the web and printed on paper and on boards in exhibition area which was right beside the session rooms, all adjacent to each other in a separate section of the hotel. Overall the atmosphere was an excellent mix of good presentations, friendly discussions and amiable networking in the evenings over very pleasant dinners.