



## **Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Contributor**

At its meeting, the Jury for the Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Contributor, made up of Michalis Kamburelis, Primož Gabrijelčič, Michael Philippenko and Antonio Zapater Vera, chaired by Dr. Johannes W. Dietrich and with Emilio Pérez acting as secretary, has decided to grant the Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Contributor to Italian software architect Marco Cantù.

Pascal language does not exist in isolation. In order to unleash its true potential and maintain its relevance, it requires complementary features, such as Communities, IDE's and Frameworks. These, when combined with the language itself, combine as the motivating factors for developers to engage with Pascal and write code. While Marco Cantù has undoubtedly played a significant role in advancing the language through the introduction of new features that facilitate development. One of his substantial contribution lies in everything else he does that supports the existing language and ultimately enables its practical use. This wider picture is something Marco Cantù has always had an eye for, and his leadership has helped others realize and focus on enabling long term visions focused on Developer experience. He advocated strongly for a free Community edition of Delphi to enable open-source development, he continuously supports forums and communities with his time and knowledge. He keeps his finger on the pulse of what Pascal developers (around the world) need by actively meeting them (in person and online), and both shares and listens in equal measure. Marco Cantù has developed a wide network of contacts around the globe through his career, many at the most important IT Companies of the world. Through these connections he has developed deep partnerships that have often enabled Pascal to be highlighted as market leading.

Marco Cantù is one of the most brilliant, original, and distinguished figures of Pascal Community.

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