JCP EC 2019 Position Statement – Utrecht JUG

Summary
Utrecht Java User Group is a young and energetic JUG that advocates Java technology through four main pillars: monthly meetups, Devoxx4kids, Speakers Incubator, uJCP. If elected, we will continue these activities more actively. Utrecht JUG has no direct commercial interest in any proposed standard.

History & Detailed Position
The Utrecht Java User Group is a large (~2500 members) and growing group of developers who actively meet, discuss and work on the Java ecosystem. Utrecht JUG exists since 2016, has hosted more than 35 events and exceptional speakers (where among others, Uncle Bob and James Gosling) and is currently running 3 programmes: Devoxx4kids, Speakers Incubator, uJCP.

Devoxx4kids
After a year of preparations, we are happy to organise our very first Devoxx4kids event in the University of Utrecht, where we will teach 60 kids how to program

Speakers Incubator
Beginning of 2019 we started a new program where we coach our members on public speaking. We are pleased to see 3 of them presenting at JavaZone, Devoxx and JFall this year.

uJCP
uJCP program stands for Utrecht JCP and is a program we initiated to involve more members in the Java Community Process. This year we organised an Adopt-a-JSR Day for JSR-385 where we hosted Spec Lead Werner Keil. The result of the Day was great - 3 complete demos using Kotlin Repl, Spring Boot and Vaadin technologies, some progress on a complex scaling open issue and one new issue. You can find more about it here.

In addition, we've actively participated in the Expert Group of JSR-385 and evangelized the same at quite a few conferences, which resulted to being nominated for JCP Member / Participant of the Year.

If elected, we commit to:
- Taking our uJCP program to the next level by running more workshops around existing or upcoming JSRs
- Continue to run and promote Java events, grow speakers and collaborate with developers on JSRs.
- Provide our infinite energy to the JCP
- Continue to always stand up for the interests of developers and community

Our Values
- Respect
- Openness
- Commitment
- Transparency

The Team
Our Team currently consists of Thodoris Bais, Brian Vermeer, Michel van Dongen and Willem van den Griendt.