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The last session of the 1974 Lake Arrowhead Workshop was oriented towards the future of structured programming. Inasmuch as discussions in the preceding sessions had focused on current achievements (and sometimes failures), we tried in the concluding session to offer some answers to the question: Where do we go from here?

Of course, we did not expect to chart a precise course, since the previous sessions had even failed to generate a consensus among the attendees on what SP is or what methods and tools work best today.

We also were quite aware of the fact that reading a crystal ball is a highly subjective process. A strong personality is most likely to influence any extrapolation into the future. Still, it seemed worthwhile to ask a number of researchers and practitioners in the field of SP to come up with their own views of what we can expect in both the short- (up to 5 years) and long-term future.

University and industry representatives offered to participate. Their interests range from formal proofs of abstract machines to the production of operational software within time and budget constraints. They include strong believers in SP as well as others who think that SP alone cannot cope with the problems of mass production of software ten years from now.

The following are summaries of the presentations given by each of the panelists. Rather than letting each summary stand as a short paper, matching the format of the preceding session descriptions, it seemed best to incorporate the summaries into a single overall description of the session.