

A Letter To The Editor

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Dear Al,

Your editorial in the July issue of ACP·TPF Today touched a chord. It worded so precisely what I believe so many of us feel.

Unfortunately, what you also correctly point out is that the ‘senior members’ of the family, in which group I grudgingly have to include myself, are all reaching retirement and/or dying age and one by one we are doing so. An incredible amount of hard-learned and irreplaceable experience will be lost to the family over the next 5 years or so, but, as you so rightly say, the younger generation will pick up the challenge and has the talent to do so. They will pick up the TPF product, which includes the three decades of effort that the pioneers put into tuning and stabilising it, and take it to new heights. Although those new heights will be altitudes we never dreamed possible in the past, they will be in a much more limited number of locations.

For our generation the choices were greater. We, with TPF technical expertise, could choose between so many locations to work and so many cultures to experience. We could go and work anywhere: Algiers, Bahrain, Buenos Aires, Caracas, Helsinki, Johannesburg, Kuwait, Lisbon, Luanda, Mexico City, Nairobi, Paris, Port of Spain, Reykjavik, Santo Domingo and even Teheran; all places where there used to be TPF systems. For the new generation I fear that the choices, at least outside the US, will be rapidly reducing and ultimately very limited.

Nevertheless, we should look on the bright side. With every day that passes, TPF becomes an ever more indispensable and irreplaceable component of the industries in which it is established. We have and shall continue to prove all those management gurus, who have been proclaiming for 20 years that ‘TPF will be dead in 5 years’, completely and pitifully wrong...

Al, please keep up the good work. If anything, you are the most indispensable part of the TPF Family.

Yours sincerely,
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