

## **ANIMATED PROGRAMS COMPANY INFORMATION**

### **ANIMATED PROGRAMS BACKGROUND**

Animated Programs was founded in 1992 in San Carlos, California. Its mission is to make computer programming "child's play." The ToonTalk brand of patented products has been researched by the European Union Playground and WebLabs Research Projects which includes the University of London, the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology, and other partners in Portugal, Cyprus, Italy and the UK. Founder and President Ken Kahn is an MIT computer science Ph.D. and an expert in designing computer programming languages.

Animated Programs has been run as a "virtual corporation" contracting with other companies for animation and graphic arts, voice talent and recording, legal and patent work, and testing whenever needed. Animated Programs has developed ToonTalk versions 1, 2, and 3. ToonTalk has been localized and published by five companies in Europe, Brazil, Australia, Japan, and parts of Asia. Animated Programs has also done ToonTalk research under consulting contracts for the University of London, the Swedish Institute of Computer Science, and the Royal Institute of Technology.

### **KEN KAHN, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT**

Ken Kahn has over 30 years of engineering and computer programming experience. In addition to his duties as President of Animated Programs, he is a researcher at the University of Oxford and the University of London's London Knowledge Lab. He was an associate professor at Uppsala University and has lectured at MIT, the University of Stockholm, and the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. Dr. Kahn was a visiting scholar at Stanford University from 1992-1997 and has served on the editorial boards of *The Journal of Logic Programming*, *Lisp and Symbolic Computing*, *New Generation Computing*, and *IEEE Parallel and Distributed Technology: Systems and Applications*.

Dr. Kahn is the author of over 50 published articles and has earned a patent for animated user interfaces for computer program creation, control and execution. He has served as researcher/consultant for Xerox PARC, IBM, Rand Corporation, Citicorp, Atari Research, the Swedish Institute of Computer Science, the Institute for New Generation Computer Technology in Tokyo, the University of London and Syracuse University.

Dr. Kahn has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from MIT and a Doctorate in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT. To celebrate his doctorate, he has traveled around the world in 80 days.