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Looking forward, we realize that new adventures are just around the corner. Our new work in Potsdam and Berlin promises new challenges. And of course, the three of us eagerly await the birth of Ellen's brother Timon which we expect in August 2011.

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²The original version of the tool required 9 minutes on my example. Jan Friso's rewrite of the tool did the same task in a couple of seconds. Thanks to this optimization, I was later able to integrate mCRL2 with Henshin.