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WHAT'S NEW IN SEPTEMBER

The initiatives we launched last month are all up and running, and are already showing results.

The PLM Open Day was held in Harrogate, UK and generated new discussions on long-lifecycle aspects of PLM that had not been addressed in Amsterdam or Hannover.

The Research SIG has submitted its first proposal and is currently working on another with an October deadline.

The second PLM Top Ten meeting will be held in Gothenburg on 12 October, continuing the series that began in Zurich in May.

As we go to press the format and location of the first two PLMIG Workshops are being finalised, which has caused us to start planning into 2005 for the first time.

The PLMIG has also taken part in three external events:- the Agile PLM Industry Roundtable, London UK; the CPD Conference Programme of Time-Compression Technologies, Birmingham, UK; and IMS NoE SIG 1, Lugano Italy.

PLM Open Day

The Harrogate Open Day differed from the Amsterdam and Hannover events in its emphasis on long lifecycle and defence industry issues, and the effects of what might be the new "British disease". An initial report appears in this issue.

Research SIG

Despite the complexity of the subject matter and of the FP6 Calls themselves, the Research SIG organised a group of universities and research centres to respond to two possible proposal ideas. One of these came to fruition, and the lead was adopted by the University of Lodz, Poland.

A proposal for a Specific Support Action (SSA) was submitted in time for the 23 September deadline, after four weeks' intensive effort. This is a lightning-fast response in academic terms, and the story of how it was done appears inside.

Planning for 2005

The relationship between the Benchmarking and the CMM Workshops (the first two subjects the PLMIG will address) have caused us to plan beyond the end of the year so that the two can be held in synergy with each other.

We describe the planning, and the role of the Corporate Members' meeting that will be held before the end of the year.

PLMIG at TCT

The topic for the PLMIG presentation at the TCT event was "Maximising the Value of Your Technology Investment". What the delegates were expecting was talk of ROIs and performance indicators. Read a summary of what they actually got.

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