

# PLMJ Product Lifecycle Management Journal

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## WHAT'S NEW IN FEBRUARY

February is a short month, but a lot has been happening in the Product Lifecycle Management Interest Group (PLMIG).

The first, inaugural issue of the *PLM Journal* was very well received, so we have tried to match the format and standard in this month's edition.

### PLMIG in 2004

A question high on the list of delegates at the Frankfurt Charter meeting was "What will the PLMIG do?" This issue of the *Journal* opens with an overview of what's ahead this year.

### PLM Top Ten

One of the great benefits of the PLMIG is that it allows members to meet, and we aim to start this process as soon as possible.

In doing so we aim to compile a "hit parade" of the top ten issues that our members face, and at the same time provide a workshop environment for them to generate ideas and plans to solve them. As the workshops progress, these will be compiled into the definitive list of the Top Ten global PLM issues. If you would like to take part in one of these events, details are in this issue.

### Existing Themes

The themes we kicked off in the January issue, such as 'PLM at C-Level' and the 'Clarion Call'

are continued in this issue, together with the new '2020 PLM' which looks at what PLM might be like far into the future.

### Visit Reports

Last month we went to Knorr-Bremse and the Architects Design Partnership for their views on aspects of PLM. This month we have been to CERN in Geneva, who deal with enormous design and data complexity, and had a transatlantic discussion with Valor about the shortcomings of PLM in the electronics industry.

### Circulating the PLMJ

It is important to publicise the PLMIG, and we believe that the *PLM Journal* is a great advertisement for the Group. However, the full *PLM Journal* is for members of the Group and subscribers only, and we have stayed close to that policy with the January issue.

### The 'General Issue'

We therefore produced a shortened, 5-page edition that carried only one visit report and which was edited to make everything general. This has been sent to people who have been following the progress of the PLMIG, to an enthusiastic response. However, full details of the Group and its activities are available only in this February issue. We hope you enjoy it.

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