

# PLMJ Product Lifecycle Management Journal

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## WHAT'S NEW IN JUNE

This month, for the first time, the PLMIG opened its doors to non-members by holding two Open Days, one in Amsterdam on June 17 and the other in Hannover on June 24.

The plans for the Research Special Interest Group, first outlined in the May issue of the PLMJ, have been refined based on feedback from academics and research industrialists, and the SIG is now confirmed.

### PLM Open Days

The Open Days are comparatively free-format events, staged in partnership with Knowledge Futures. They combine presentations on best practice in PLM and CPI with open discussions on whatever the participants see fit.

Two meetings were held, and two very different lines of discussion arose.

In Amsterdam there were detailed discussions about the responsibility for PLM, the boundaries between PLM and ERP, and a list of issues that could almost have come from a PLM Top Ten meeting.

In Hannover the discussions were more conceptual, covering the difficulties of making progress in PLM and the 'disconnects' that exist in organisations and act as hidden pitfalls.

The meetings are 'hot off the press', but an initial report appears in this issue.

### Research Special Interest Group

In the May issue of the PLMJ we identified the need for a neutral organisation that would assist and perhaps enable research into PLM and CPD.

PLM research opportunities are extremely difficult to respond to, because of the extensive academic and industrial collaboration that is necessary. Add to this the complexity of the subject itself, and it becomes very difficult to react successfully to funding opportunities which may be open only for a couple of months.

We have sounded out the opinions of colleagues who are most active in PLM research and used their input to confirm the Research SIG of the PLMIG. Its first task may be to address the new FP6-2004-IST-NMP-2 Call.

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### Viewpoint: Agile Software

The PLMIG is an Interest Group for everyone who is actively involved in PLM, and this month we publish an article from our first vendor Corporate Member, Agile Software.

Vendors invest a great deal of thought and intellectual property which is sometimes hidden behind the marketing and product lists. In this issue, Chris Farinacci explains how new environmental directives will have repercussions on the supply chain for every organisation that manufactures and sells in Europe, and may set the trend for other regions.

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