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WHAT'S NEW IN OCTOBER

This month the *PLM Journal* is focussed on the Benchmarking Workshop, which will be the PLMIG's biggest event of 2004.

As we described as far back as the February issue, the activities of the PLMIG in its first year would begin with a high effort in raising awareness to increase the membership, and would finish with a high emphasis on getting new results in PLM.

We have followed this plan almost exactly, and are now working full time on the Workshop and on the Corporate Members Meeting that will follow it in December.

One area of activity that was not foreseen in February is the Research SIG, and this has also produced rapid results. Two proposals were created and submitted in time to meet the recent FP6 Calls.

Benchmarking Workshop

The two most important features of the Benchmarking Workshop that will be hosted by Siemens, Munich on 17-19 November are that it has a solid participant base, so that all of the depth and complexity of PLM Benchmarking can be covered; and that its format is robust enough to ensure that the target deliverable (the PLMIG Benchmarking Handbook) can be created.

We have been able to set up the Workshop with the participation of Siemens and Knorr-Bremse,

both of whom are Corporate Members of the PLMIG, and who have their own extensive PLM implementations and benchmarking experience.

This means we start with a sufficient user base, which other user participants will enhance. Even as we go to press there is a registration from a French automotive OEM.

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Many of those in the process of registering are PLM vendors, service providers, integrators and consultants. They will add their experience to the Workshop, and may use the methodology in their own products and services in 2005.

Munich is an accessible location, but not for our non-European members. We will publish material from the Workshop in the November and December issues of the PLMJ, and here we preview the input material that Workshop participants will provide.

Research SIG

From a standing start, the Research SIG submitted the EuroPLM and CAPRESE proposals to meet two recent deadlines. An overview of each is in this issue.

Corporate Members Meeting

The PLMIG has developed quickly in 2004, but there are still many ideas on the back burner. We look at how the Corporate Members Meeting may turn some of these into reality.

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