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WHAT'S NEW IN DECEMBER

Obviously, Christmas is coming and we had hoped to publish this issue earlier than usual to be well in front of the holiday.

Publication has been held back while we confirm the 2005 Programme with the Corporate Members. The initiatives we are proposing will bring enough resource and effort together to overcome what, until now, have been intractable and insoluble PLM problems.

The *PLM Benchmarking Handbook* was released on 10 December. It contained at least two pieces of brand new knowledge: the Fundamental Principle (described in last month's PLMJ) and the Navigation Model.

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."

That was in the February issue. This month we look at how the year actually went.

PLMIG in 2005

In the discussions at the Corporate Members Meeting it became clear that the 'PLM Best Practice' programme, outlined last month, could become the headline programme for a series of integrated initiatives that will produce a whole range of new PLM deliverables.

This builds on the workshop and event formats that the PLMIG developed in 2004 and represents a major 'gear shift' upwards in terms of the results the Group can achieve.

The programme includes the 'Benchmarking Roll-Out' and projects such as 'PLM for CEOs', and 'PLM Performance Indicators', and is described inside.

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5. **PLM Vision: The Process of Communication**

PLM Benchmarking Workshop

One of the key features of the Benchmarking methodology that was generated by the Workshop in Munich is the concept of the Navigation Model, which is created before a benchmark begins and which acts as a 'PLM Picture' of your environment.

Its primary purpose is to allow two potential benchmark partners to compare their PLM aims and situation and to decide whether a benchmark should go ahead.

You can create your own Navigation Model as a way of understanding and representing your PLM implementation. We explain how inside.

PLM Vision

We propose how you can communicate the PLM Vision that was outlined last month.

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