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It may seem strange to publish the first “quarterly” issue of the *PLM Journal* in May, but there has been so much PLMIG activity in Q1 2006 that this is the first point at which it can be properly reported.

The PLMJ aims to bring the new knowledge from PLMIG events to members and subscribers, and we have waited to allow time for the PLM Benefits Reference Model results to be published.

The new format of the *PLM Journal* allows more detailed coverage of the main PLMIG initiatives.

Benefits Reference Model
The Launch Phase began in earnest with workshops in London and Boston, hosted by the Founder Members UGS and PTC.

The planning and timescales have been affected by the 3DS takeover of MatrixOne, but the results have been excellent. We have three articles taking you through the developments and the details.

PLM Research

The PLMIG Research SIG held two meetings in 2005, in Brussels and Gothenburg. The PLMIG also took part in the ‘Manufuture’ consultation

process, and got feedback about PLM research in the USA while in Boston - all of which points towards a new framework or structure for furthering PLM research activities. More on this inside.

‘Drivers for PLM’

The BRM workshops showed the need for a Survey to establish the issues that drive PLM forward in real users companies. The PLMIG has been able to base this on the ‘PLM Top Ten’ format from way back in 2004. We discuss the PTT results and the aims of the Survey.

PLM Benefits In-House

The London and Boston BRM workshops produced the material - now the PLMIG can present it on-site at user, vendor or consulting companies.

This enables the message and feedback to be taken to a wider audience, as detailed in this issue.

Other Features

We consider the problems that can be caused by terminology differences in PLM; and preview the European PLM Summit in London, which will be held on 26-27 June and will be reported in the next issue of the PLMJ. PLMIG members can claim a discount for this event (inside).

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