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NEWS FROM Q2

Since the Q1 issue was published in May the PLMIG has added two more Reference Model initiatives to its programme, to cover Maturity and Best Practice. These will run in parallel with PLM Benefits.

The progress of the Reference Models was presented at the *European PLM Summit* in June; the *Self-Assessment Toolkit* has been produced for members; and moves have begun to bring together an Industry Review Meeting to enable major PLM players to set targets for the future of PLM.

Reference Models

Participants in the Benefits Reference Model launch workshops agreed that there should, in fact, be 3 Models if the whole spectrum of PLM is to be covered.

In this issue we explain how the 3 Models relate to each other, give an update on the current status of the Benefits Model, and describe how the Maturity Model is likely to be structured.

PLM Summit 2006

While we were at the *European PLM Summit* we listened to many of the other presentations, and a

representative selection of them are summarised inside.

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10. **PLM Industry Review: Shape the Future**

Technical Articles

John Stark discusses the impact that your industry sector can have on your PLM, and counts down the top 10 pitfalls facing a PLM implementation.

Body of Knowledge

The tools and initiatives run by the PLMIG are falling into a natural structure that may become an open body of knowledge about PLM. We have an overview of how this is shaping up.

PLM Self-Assessment

The biggest step forward in PLM over the last few months has been the creation of a Toolkit that allows anyone to generate a standard, company-wide overview of their PLM situation without any outside assistance. In this issue we describe how it works.

Shaping the Future

We close with plans to create a platform for you to meet other PLM practitioners and plan how the industry should develop in future.

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