OASIS Appoints New Members to Board of Directors; New Leadership Underscores Global E-Commerce Focus for XML Interoperability Consortium

Boston, MA, USA; July 19, 2000--OASIS, the world's largest XML interoperability consortium, today announced the appointment of three new members to the organization's board of directors. Patrick J. Gannon of Netfish Technologies, Una Kearns of Documentum and Amy Krane of Enigma will serve two-year terms as OASIS directors, providing business leadership to advance the Consortium's technical work. Norbert H. Mikula of DataChannel will begin his second consecutive term on the OASIS board as Chief Technical Officer. The OASIS board of directors also includes Eric Garcia of Sabre, Alan Hester of Xerox, Bill Smith of Sun Microsystems and Robert S. Sutor of IBM.

"The use of XML to advance e-commerce globally is already having a tremendous impact, and OASIS is instrumental in the development of interoperable standards that support the XML adoption worldwide," said Patrick Gannon of Netfish Technologies. "OASIS is well-positioned to support other industry groups in their deployment of XML-based business communication standards." In addition to serving on the OASIS board, Gannon was also recently appointed to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, where he advises governments in transitional economies on best practices for electronic commerce. Netfish Technologies provides XML-based business-to-business eCommerce solutions with a broad range of industry protocols.

Una Kearns of Documentum agreed. "To exchange information over the Web using XML, industries must first reach agreement on how they're going to communicate. OASIS, as a non-profit, vendor-neutral organization, plays a vital role in helping industries reach consensus on issues such as XML schemas and vocabularies. I am excited by the opportunity to advance that work as a member of the OASIS Board." Kearns also serves on the XML.ORG Steering Committee and Documentum 4i eBusiness Edition is the content management platform powering the XML.ORG Registry, an open clearinghouse for the exchange of XML schemas and vocabularies.

"With organizational and individual members from around the world, OASIS brings a global perspective to the adoption of XML. A priority for the OASIS Board as we move forward will be to continue our work on projects that garner the support of the entire XML community. ebXML, the joint UN/CEFACT OASIS initiative to establish a framework using XML to facilitate global trade, is just one example of the important work ahead of us," commented Amy Krane, whose role as director of global alliances for Enigma gives her insight into initiating and managing strategic relationships with organizations worldwide. Enigma provides high-value business-to-business e-commerce solutions where product support content drives the sale of spare parts and aftermarket support. Laura Walker, executive director of OASIS, described the new board members as "possessing a rare combination of experience and enthusiasm. Their leadership, skills and standing in the international XML community will help OASIS continue to make great strides in our expanding technical
work."

About OASIS

OASIS is the world's largest independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the standardization of XML applications. In addition to its technical work on areas as varied as XML conformance and XML repository standards, OASIS hosts several independent initiatives. ebXML is a joint effort of the United Nations CEFACT and OASIS to establish a global framework that will enable XML to be used in a consistent manner for the exchange of all electronic business data. CGM Open, is a consortium within OASIS dedicated to advancing CGM and other web graphics standards. The XML Cover Pages is widely regarded as the most comprehensive online reference work for XML and other structured information standards. OASIS also hosts the XML.ORG Registry, the open community clearinghouse of XML application schemas.


About XML.ORG

XML.ORG is an open community resource for advancing XML industry standardization. Hosted by OASIS, XML.ORG features the XML.ORG Registry, a central clearinghouse that provides public access to the fast-growing body of XML schemas being developed for vertical industries and horizontal applications. Committed to open industry standards, the XML.ORG Registry offers a non-commercial forum for developers and standards bodies to publicly submit, publish and exchange XML application standards. Sponsors of XML.ORG include DataChannel, Documentum, Commerce One, GCA, IBM, Mercator Software, Oracle Corporation, SAP, SoftQuad, Software AG and Sun Microsystems.

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