OASIS Elects New Leaders to Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Board

Boston, MA, USA; 29 July 2003 -- OASIS, the international standards organization, today announced the election of four members to its Board of Directors. John Borras of the United Kingdom Office of e-Envoy and Eduardo Gutentag of Sun Microsystems were elected and Jim Hughes of Hewlett-Packard and Chris Kurt of Microsoft were re-elected by the OASIS membership to provide business leadership to advance OASIS as a major standards-setting body for Web services, e-business security and other applications.


The consortium also announced the appointment of four new members to the OASIS Technical Advisory Board (TAB), a group of industry experts who provide guidance on issues related to strategy, process, interoperability, and scope of OASIS technical work. New OASIS TAB representatives include William Cox, Ph.D. of BEA Systems, Christopher Ferris of IBM, Timothy Moses, Ph.D. of Entrust, and Peter Wenzel of SeeBeyond.

"We had an unprecedented number of exceptionally qualified candidates for this year’s Board election; testimony to the fact that OASIS has become one of the most important independent standards development organizations," noted Colin Evans of Intel, chair of the OASIS Board of Directors. "Most often identified with programs such as ebXML and UBL for e-commerce, and UDDI for directories, OASIS and its members are rapidly expanding its scope to Web services standards and vertical community initiatives."

On behalf of the OASIS membership, Patrick Gannon, president and CEO of OASIS, expressed appreciation for departing Board members, Simon Nicholson of Sun Microsystems and Michael Weiner of IBM, for their outstanding leadership and guidance over the past two years.

About OASIS (http://www.oasis-open.org [1]):
OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards) is a not-for-profit, global consortium that drives the development, convergence, and adoption of e-business standards. Members themselves set the OASIS technical agenda, using a lightweight, open process expressly designed to promote industry consensus and unite disparate efforts. OASIS produces worldwide standards for security, Web services, conformance, business transactions, electronic publishing, topic maps and interoperability within and between marketplaces. Founded in 1993, OASIS has more than 2,000 participants representing over 600 organizations and individual members in 100 countries.

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