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OASIS to Host Open Symposium on Reliable Infrastructures for XML

Program Brings Together Standards Developers from Adobe, AIAG, BEA Systems, CIDX, DataPower Technology, Fidelity, Fujitsu, General Motors, IBM, IONA, Oracle, Reactivity, RosettaNet, Sterling Commerce, SAP, Sun Microsystems, and Others.

Boston, MA, USA; 8 April 2004 -- OASIS, the international standards consortium, announced plans to host the Symposium on Reliable Infrastructures for XML, 26-27 April 2004, in New Orleans. The event, which will be open to the public, will offer a forum for the international community to exchange ideas and present results of standards work-in-progress. Attendees will identify unaddressed topics in need of standards development and areas where coordination between efforts would promote interoperability.

"Today, many different (and partially interchangeable) technologies are available that propose to increase the reliability of XML-based messaging and networking infrastructure. We define 'reliable' to mean that implementing one or more of these technologies in an infrastructure removes some of the burden of ensuring application integrity from software programmers and architects," explained Chet Ensign of LexisNexis, chair of the Program Committee of the OASIS Technical Advisory Board. "The OASIS Symposium will focus on exploring the current state of these technologies and identifying gaps where open standards are needed."

User requirements will drive the discussions. Keynotes will be provided by William Stangel, Sr. VP and Enterprise Architect for Fidelity Investments Systems Company, and Thomas Koulopoulos, president and co-founder of the Delphi Group.

Other program highlights include a user panel on "Implementing Standards to Achieve Reliable Transacting," featuring Fred Falten of General Motors representing the Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG), Kenneth R. Hutcheson, director of the Chemical Industry Data Exchange (CIDX), Patrick Gannon, president and CEO of OASIS, and Paul Tearnen, Vice President, Standards Management of RosettaNet. Moderated by Michael Bechauf, Vice President of NetWeaver Standards for SAP, the panel will explore the importance of open standards to users and the ways industry groups are implementing standard-oriented architectures into their own work.

Building on foundational information presented in the main Symposium, the healthcare community will gather on Wednesday, 28 April for a workshop, "Reliable Infrastructures for eHealth." Implementers from Health Level Seven (HL7), The Mayo Clinic, Medical Banking Project, US Centre for Disease Control, US National Institute of Health, and others will investigate the relationships between the standards that exist today and paths for future development.

Seventeen OASIS Technical Committees will meet following the Symposium to advance standard data exchange for e-business, Web services, security, and legal applications. First meetings of the new OASIS Electronic Business Service Oriented Architecture (ebSOA) Technical Committee, the OASIS Web Services

Notification (WSN) Technical Committee, and the OASIS Web Services Resource Framework (WSRF) Technical Committee will be held at the event.

The OASIS Symposium is sponsored by Adobe, Booz Allen Hamilton, IBM, SAP, and Sun Microsystems. Registration is open to all. For more information: <http://www.oasis-open.org/events/symposium/> [1]

About OASIS

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 3,000 participants representing over 600 organizations and individual members in 100 countries. <http://www.oasis-open.org> [2]

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