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Standards Community Gathers for OASIS Symposium On the Future of XML Vocabularies

Open Source Advocate, Mitchell Kapor, to Keynote

BOSTON, MA, USA; 5 APRIL 2005 - Issues of interoperability at the business layer bring standards developers and users together at the OASIS Symposium in New Orleans, 24-29 April 2005. The program will feature two days of presentations related to "The Future of XML Vocabularies," where attendees will explore options for solving cross-sectoral needs for the global exchange of business information. Mitchell Kapor, chairman of the Open Source Applications Foundation, will provide the keynote address for the event, which will also include technical committee meetings, tutorials, training sessions, and the annual OASIS member meeting.

"The global economy depends on a foundation of openness and the coordinated production of an information commons--one which will not replace but transform proprietary ownership and market competition," said Kapor. "I look forward to discussing the treatment of intellectual assets with OASIS members, as the consortium takes steps to clarify its own intellectual property rights policy."

The program also includes a keynote by Joanne Friedman, CEO of ConneKted Minds, and presentations on OASIS work including the Universal Business Language (UBL), Darwin Information Typing Architecture (DITA), and the XML Localisation Interchange File Format (XLIFF).

Representatives from Boeing, Cendant, General Motors, JPMorganChase, and Lockheed Martin will discuss "The Impact of Vocabularies on End User SOA Strategies" in an industry panel moderated by DataPower. Executives from the Open Applications Group, Open Geospatial Consortium, Petrotechnical Open Standards Consortium, RosettaNet, and UN/CEFACT comprise a second panel where standards bodies draw on their experiences to explore "The Past As a Guide to the Future" for vocabulary development. This panel will be moderated by SAP.

"This year's Symposium speakers are an amazingly diverse and impressive representation of the community. The agenda brings together some of the most prominent pioneers of Internet e-Business with technology leaders in Web services and SOA, major end users, governments, and industry consortia," stated Patrick Gannon, president and CEO of OASIS. "This type of broad, influential participation is essential if we are to solve the universal semantic interoperability challenges that affect businesses in our global economy."

The Symposium is open to both members and non-members of OASIS. Sponsors of the event include BEA Systems, DataPower, HP, IBM, Innodata Isogen, SAP, and Sun Microsystems. The program is coordinated by the OASIS Technical Advisory Board and chaired by Jishnu Mukerji of HP and William Cox.

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