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Trip Report: Atlanta, GA U.S.A.

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Report from the OMG Technical Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, September 12-16, 2005

OMG members met in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, during the week of September 12-16, 2005, at a meeting sponsored by SAP. Members spent a busy week advancing dozens of standards efforts through our adoption process. This report covers all of the actions taken by the various TFs and the two TCs.

In this report, we'll refer to actions planned for the

next meeting, which will be held in Burlingame, California, USA, from December 5-9, 2005, and the following one to be held in Tampa, Florida, USA from February 13-17, 2006.

Developments at the Atlanta Meeting

RFPs and RFCs Issued:

- Business Motivation Model (BMM) RFC

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ORCA Vendor Directory

The ORCA Regulatory Compliance Vendor Directory is designed to help enterprises identify products and services to assist them in ensuring cost-effective IT support for regulatory compliance.

If you are a vendor and would like to submit your product and/or service to the ORCA Vendor Directory, please visit <http://orca.omg.org/vendor/index.htm> and submit your information. An enhanced listing is also available.

The ORCA staff will review submissions and will post them to the ORCA site for our end-user community.

If you have any questions about ORCA, sponsorship opportunities or the ORCA Vendor Directory, please contact Nicole Rikkinen at nicole@omg.org.



XMI/UML Interoperability Testing And Certification Program

OMG offers UML® tool vendors a program that allows them to have their tools tested for compliance with XMI®, an essential element of interoperability with other UML tools. XMI compliance makes it possible for UML version models created in one UML software development tool to be imported into another such tool reliably and efficiently, particularly when using UML 2.0, OMG's latest version of that standard. This testing and certification program will provide tool vendors with certified products the ability to leverage the OMG brand in their software tools sales efforts and materials.

The UML/XMI Interoperability Test Program, as sponsored by Unisys, will build a comprehensive set of open source based test suites for testing and certifying the compliance of software products with OMG specifications.

OMG has teamed with Unisys Corporation as its Testing Partner to deliver the program.

Once your product is certified, you have the opportunity to promote

your status:

- Place an "OMG Certified" logo on your website
- Place an "OMG Certified" logo on your shrink wrapped products
- Your organization will be listed in the upcoming MDA Guide, identifying you as a certified tool vendor
- The "MDA USERS SIG" of the OMG will showcase each tool that is taken through this certification program during technical meetings of the OMG.
- Participate in the OMG Interoperability event where only certified or "to be certified" vendors will be able to show their wares and display their interoperability.

Once your product is certified and seamless inter-operability of your tool with other standards compliant tools is achieved due to this certification program, you will be able to show its niche value proposition.

Additional Technical Benefits

Should your product not receive a "pass" status, the program will provide feedback on what needs to be done to make it compliant with UML 2.0, XMI 2.1 and MOF 2.0. The program will ensure that your product will achieve compliance.

The Interoperability Testing Program will provide the canonical comprehensive XMI files and tests to ensure that your product can be thoroughly evaluated for interoperability with even future tools that will be built in compliance with the relevant standards.

Technical integration of the relevant software from a standards certified customer with other existing standards based infrastructure and tools at a client site will require significantly less work and money. This reduction in the cost of integration for a client can be leveraged for improving license based software revenues from that client.

For more information, contact Nicole Rikkinen at nicole@omg.org.



OMG Welcomes New Members

Adobe Systems, Inc.
 Appian Corporation
 Axway Software
 Bluespring Software
 British American Tobacco
 Casewise Systems, Inc.
 CommerceQuest, Inc.
 ConceptWave Software Inc.
 Eseo
 Exigen Group
 FileNET Corporation
 Fuego
 FutureSense Research

Gallium Software
 Global 360 Inc.
 Holocentric
 IDT Spectrum
 iGrafx, Inc.
 Insession Technologies
 Intalio
 Interfacing Technologies
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 Meridea Financial Software, Ltd.
 QoS Labs, LLC
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 Vignette Corporation
 Vision Software S.A.
 Vitria Technology, Inc.
 Webmethods
 Xaware Inc.
 Zicom Systems
 Zynium Corp.

OMG & BPMI Merger: Quotes of Note

“The unification of BPMI and standards for process management, with the OMG business rule standards, is welcomed by Fair Isaac and our customers and will lead to more adaptable solutions throughout industry.” — Paul Vincent, Product Manager, Fair Isaac Blaze Advisor

“BPMI has already played a major role in the development of the BPM market. Its merger with the OMG, however, will give it a lot more clout. By combining the BPMI’s initiatives with the business process standards initiatives underway at the OMG, the combined organization seems certain to emerge as one of the major forces in the transition from an older, more application-centered view of IT, to a new emphasis on aligning IT with business processes to more effectively support corporate goals.” — Paul Harmon, Executive Editor, Business Process Trends

“Sensible, pragmatic and very encouraging.” — Ronald G. Ross, Principal, Business Rule Solutions, LLC, Executive Editor, Business Rules Journal

“The merger brings together work on business process standards in both the OMG and BPMI so that we can improve consistency and increase participation. In addition, BPMI brings a business focus and expertise that will help in our efforts to develop additional business modeling standards and accelerate development of Model Based Management.” — Fred Cummins, Fellow, EDS and Co-Chair, BEI Task Force at OMG

“The business of process excellence requires standards that are globally established and recognized. OMG, through its demonstrated leadership in standards development, is a logical home for BPMN. We are pleased to be a member of OMG and will continue to help steer development of the important business process standards.” — Ken Carraher, President, iGrafx

“I am heartened by this strong demonstration of commitment from BPMI members to the delivery of useful, interoperable business modeling and management standards. BPMI members’ overwhelming support of the OMG merger and continued participation in OMG speaks to me of the value of the BPMI legacy and to the exciting opportunities OMG is providing for its future.” — Jeanne Baker, Vice President, Sterling Commerce, and Chair BPMI.org

“Having read the responses from various CTO’s, distinguished engineers and such like, and as a consumer of the output from the forum, it can only serve to focus the efforts from vendors and thought leaders alike. The interesting aspect of the merger is undoubtedly the increasing realisation that the two bodies are stronger together, a need we in the user community have long identified. I eagerly await to interact with the innovation and ‘mind shift’ that will appear as part of the

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Business Modeling Standards at OMG

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The history of computing is a repeating cycle of raising levels of abstraction. In the 1950s, a generation of grade-school students learned binary arithmetic “because you’ll need it to work with computers”. (Of course there were only a handful of computers in the world back then, so this exercise was as impractical as it was academic.) Of course binary program-

ming gave way to assembler, which moved to third-generation languages (FORTRAN, PL-1, COBOL, and the others), and ultimately to IDEs. Modeling let IT practitioners work with higher-level concepts to application design around the same time that OO programming brought these concepts to development. The nesting concept added to the Unified Modeling Language (UML®) in release 2.0 was defined explicitly to represent

multiple levels of abstraction in a single model.

Each move to a higher level hides detail inside symbols that relate more or less directly to the level that they address. This increases developer or designer productivity as it focuses attention and effort increasingly closer to the application’s functionality and behavior,

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Richard Soley greets members during a lunch break.

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- Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) RFC
- Robot Technology Components (RTCs) RFP
- Conversion Models for Electronic Payment Messages RFP
- XMI Profile for ISO 20022 RFP
- KBE Services for PLM RFP
- UML Profile for DoDAF/MoDAF RFP

New Specification Adoption Votes Initiated:

- MOF 2.0 Queries/Views/Transformations
- Business Semantics of Business Rules
- Chemical Structure Access and Retrieval (CSAR)

Platform Side Task Forces and Special Interest Groups

AD PTF

The AD PTF recommended the MOF 2.0 Queries/Views/Transformations RFP for adoption. Revised submission deadlines for three RFPs were extended to Burlingame: the UML for System

Engineering RFP; the Ontology Definition Metamodel RFP; and the MOF2.0 Facility/Obj Lifecycle RFP.

ADM PTF

The ADM PTF extended the deadline for the ASTM RFP to Tampa.

MARS PTF

The MARS PTF voted to recommend issuance of the

Robot Technology Components (RTCs) RFP. They also voted to recommend adoption of the UML for Voice Based Applications specification but the process was delayed in the AB with email approval expected in the few weeks following this meeting. The Load Distribution RFP was withdrawn. The QoS for CORBA Components RFP revised submission deadline was extended to Burlingame. Two revised submission deadlines were extended to Tampa: The WSDL to C++ Mapping RFP and the Anonymous Network RFP.

RTESS PTF

The RTESS PTF extended revised submission deadlines for the Reliable Ordered Multicast RFP and the Power Conservation Service RFP to Burlingame, and for the Model-level Testing/Debugging RFP to Tampa. They also withdrew the Real-Time Notification RFP.

Ontology PSIG

The Ontology PSIG reviewed the ODM submission, which was extended to Burlingame by the AD PTF.

Domain Side Task Forces and Special Interest Groups

BMI DTF

The BEI DTF welcomed former members of BPMI to their first OMG meeting since the merger, marking the occasion by re-naming itself the Business Modeling and Integration (BMI) DTF and, with a vote in the DTC, adopting a revised mission statement. Members also elected Jeanne Baker as a tri-chair of the BMI DTF and chair of the BPMI Steering Committee. The Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) from BPMI started the OMG fast-track RFC adoption process, as did the Business Motivation Model (BMM) from the Business Rules Group. Its TF evaluation complete, the Business Semantics of Business Rules submission was recommended for adoption, passing its AB review and starting its DTC vote. Revised submissions for the Business Process Definition Metamodel RFP and the Production Rule Representation RFP were extended to Tampa and their voting lists were opened through November 14, 2005, while all dates for the Business Process Runtime Interfaces RFP were extended to 2006: LOI to January 23; Initial Submissions to April 3; Voting List Closure to May 5; and Revised Submissions to November 13. BMI DTF members also hosted the Model-Based Management Information Day on Tuesday of the meeting week.

C4I DTF

The C4I DTF recommended the UML Profile for DoDAF/MoDAF RFP for issuance, and voted to extend the initial submission deadline for the ALMAS for CMS Systems RFP to Burlingame. The SOPES IEM RFP was withdrawn; members plan to re-issue it as a MARS RFP along with the SOPES Policy & Rules Management RFP.

Finance DTF

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The Finance DTF issued two RFPs in Atlanta: the Conversion Models for Electronic Payment Messages RFP, and the XMI Profile for ISO 20022 RFP.

Healthcare DTF

The Healthcare DTF met in San Diego, co-located with partner organization HL7, while the rest of OMG met in Atlanta. In San Diego, they added a Decision Support Service to the list of three services already underway: a CTS-compliant Terminology Service, Entity Identifier Service, and Record Locator and Access Service.

Life Science Research DTF

The LSR DTF recommended the Chemical Structure Access and Retrieval (CSAR) submission for adoption; it later passed its AB review and started the DTC recommendation vote.

ManTIS DTF

The ManTIS DTF elected Bernd Wenzel as co-chair, and recommended the KBE Services for PLM RFP for issuance.

Software-Based Communications DTF

The SBC DTF extended revised submission deadlines for the PIM & PSM for Digital IF RFP to

Burlingame, and for the Security Subsystem Core RFP and the Key Management RFP to April 2006 in St. Louis. They also extended the revised submission deadline for the Smart Antenna RFP to November 13, 2006, for review at the December 2006 meeting. Voting list deadlines for all four RFPs were extended to December 5, 2005.

Space DTF

Space held a busy and well-attended meeting co-located with CCSDS. They have received three LOIs for the Operations Procedure MM RFP.

e-Government DSIG

The e-Government DSIG elected Larry Johnson as co-chair. They also formed a US Government Working Group and will form additional Working Groups for other governments and interests that want to meet.

Regulatory Compliance DSIG

The RC DSIG identified their first set of deliverables. Interested OMG members are invited to their bi-weekly teleconference meetings; for info, sign up for <rc@omg.org>.

Robotics DSIG

The Robotics DSIG participated in the issuing of the Robot Technology Components (RTCs) RFP by the MARS PTF.

SDO DSIG

The SDO DSIG participated in the issuing of the Robot Technology Components (RTCs) RFP by the MARS PTF.

Systems Engineering DSIG

The SE DSIG participated in the issuance of the UML Profile for DoDAF/MoDAF RFP.

AB SIGs and Subcommittees

Liaison SC

The Liaison SC has requested liaison with ISO TC68, Financial Services.

MDA Users' ABSIG

The MDA Users' ABSIG is constructing a list of MDA tools.

ORMSC

The ORMSC has started work on a new MDA Guide.

Specification Management SC

Over a dozen specifications have either just passed SMSC review, or are in the review process. They set up an editing workshop for CORBA/i and CORBA/e to be held in late October.

Visit the OMG website for more information on the activities listed in this article: <http://www.omg.org>.

MDA FastStart™

MDA FastStart™ is a unique program managed by the OMG to help information technology (IT) organizations learn about Model Driven Architecture® - MDA - and rapidly apply it to their systems architecture, systems integration and software development activities. MDA FastStart is the quickest way to learn how to use and leverage MDA, and you don't have to be an OMG member to take advantage of this program.

MDA is a comprehensive set of standards developed by the OMG to extend its Unified Modeling Language® -

UML - the world's most popular software modeling standard. Both UML and MDA are already being used extensively by IT organizations worldwide in a wide variety of industries including government, military, aerospace, telecom, transportation, financial services, healthcare and manufacturing. To learn more about the FastStart program, visit <http://www.omg.org/faststart/>.



Business Modeling Standards at OMG

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and farther from the technological details. It's tempting to think that an IT modeling language such as UML will evolve to business modeling as it moves to higher levels of abstraction, but we also need to incorporate the extensive body of business modeling knowledge that has accumulated over the years separate from IT. What's needed is a merging of the bottom-up modeling from the IT point of view with the top-down modeling expertise of the business domain experts.

This is what's happening now at OMG. Working in the Model Driven Architecture® (MDA®) and taking advantage of OMG's foundation modeling standards, members are well along defining new specifications in Business Process and Business Rules modeling and execution. A few months ago, the Business Process Modeling Initiative (BPMI) merged with OMG, bringing with them their Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) standard along with a wealth of experience in Business Modeling. Members have just held their first combined meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. In this month's column, we'll describe the newly-enlarged business modeling work at OMG.

This work builds on a solid foundation. The Object Management Group™ (OMG™) started climbing the ladder of abstraction in 1989 when our members defined the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA®) and, five or six years later, moved into modeling with the standardization of UML. The Model Driven

Architecture (MDA) raises the level another step, making the model the primary artifact in the application development process; UML 2.0 includes several features designed specifically to relate levels of abstraction.

A few years ago, some OMG members turned their attention to modeling of the business process itself. Emerging standards for a Business Process Definition Metamodel (BPDM), an Organizational Structure Metamodel, and Semantics of Business Vocabulary and Business Rules, focus on business even more than they focus on IT. A fourth emerging standard, for Production Rule Representation, standardizes a business rule format that allows input into a rules engine.

With the merger of OMG and the Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI; www.bpmi.org), standardization of business modeling at OMG has moved into high gear. The home of the Business

Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) standard, BPMI brings targeted business modeling expertise and experience to the group of OMG members working in this influential area.

As you read this, the first meeting of the combined groups has completed – it took place in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the week of September 12-16. Members started BPMN on the fast track for adoption as an OMG specification, and elected Jeanne Baker, chair of BPMI, to the position of co-chair of OMG's Business Enterprise Integration (BEI) Domain Task Force (DTF). These actions will unify the group, and solidify the position of BPMN in the industry.

Some practitioners focus their modeling efforts on Business Process; others focus on Business Rules. OMG specifications support both, as shown in Figure 1 where Business Process modeling specifications oc-

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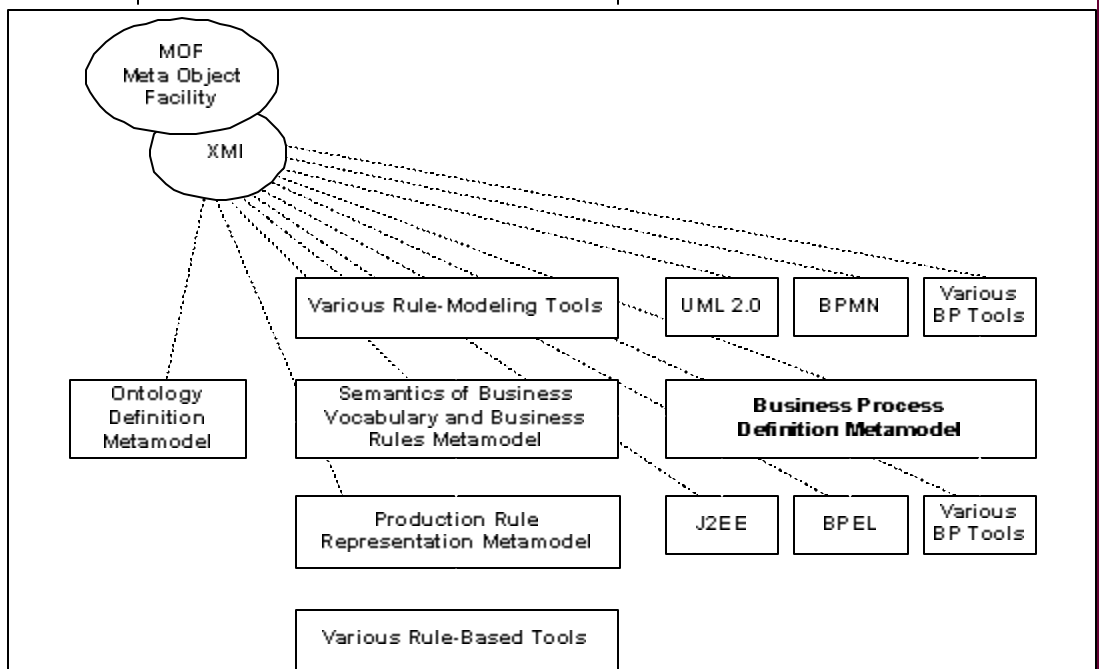


Figure 1: OMG/BPMI specifications for Business Process and Business Rules, and their relationships to other OMG and non-OMG specifications.

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copy the right column, Business Rules specifications fill the center, and related specifications are shown at the top and on the left. XML Metadata Interchange (XMI®), based on the MetaObject Facility (MOF™), allows models to be transmitted between tools and transformed from one basis to another. The Ontology Definition Metamodel, on the right, will integrate ontologies in general (not restricted to business vocabulary or rules) into the UML/MOF/XMI framework.

The Business Process Definition Metamodel (BPDM), currently under adoption, defines basic concepts that map to each of the business process modeling languages. This lets you convert a model from one modeling language to another and, as your development process progresses downstream, from a model to an execution representation such as BPEL4WS. The draft BPDM specification, available to OMG members, includes mappings to BPMN and BPEL.

In the center column, the Semantics of Business Vocabulary and Business Rules (SBVR) metamodel maps above to the rule representations of various tools (analogous to the way that the BPDM mapped to multiple business process modeling languages) and, below, to the Production Rule Representation (PRR) metamodel which supports the

transformations that allow input into various commercial rule engines.

Taken as a group, the specifications in Figure 1 seem to cover the business modeling and execution space fairly completely but, since we didn't start with a comprehensive statement of the business modeling and automation problem, we don't know what we might have missed when we designed these solutions. What's missing is a statement of need from the business' point of view, and that is provided by the Business Motivation Model (BMM), submitted for consideration just before the Atlanta meeting after some months of preparation. In the words of the submission's cover document, an enterprise's Business Motivation Model

- Contains and organizes the elements of its business plans - vision and mission, influences and assessments, goals and objectives, strategies and tactics, business policies; and
- References other relevant elements of its business models - its business processes, business rules and organization units - that are contained in related models.

Using BMM, an enterprise can define its mission and goals, organize its business plans, and know as it models, implements, and executes

these plans as some combination of business rules and business processes that it is addressing its core needs in an effective way. The submission document calls BMM the "glue" that binds the specifications in Figure 1 together, but it's not the kind of glue that IT modelers think of first - in fact, these modelers think of BPDM and SBVR as glue because of the way they link rule and process models with the applications that execute them. To a business analyst, however, the more important glue is the one that binds the models to the business' goals and objectives, and that's what BMM does.

The merger with BPMI, and the adoption of BMM now underway, raise the level of abstraction in both business automation and OMG specifications. Working together, backed by OMG's expertise in modeling and development, our members are assembling a set of standards that will let a business carry its statement of goals and objectives from statement, through model, to executing automation. OMG is an open-membership, not-for-profit, specifications consortium. We welcome new members to join and participate, both from the computer industry and interested end user companies. If you're interested in our work, check us out at <http://www.omg.org>.

OMG is Seeking your Input!

RFCs: Business Motivation Model (BMM) &
Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN):

<http://www.omg.org/rfc>

RFI: Robotics Special Interest Group:

http://www.omg.org/robotics_rfi

What's Up? Upcoming Events

Architecture-Driven Modernization Workshop

October 24-27, 2005,
Washington, DC, USA

Hosted by the OMG and its ADM Task Force and co-sponsored by [Klocwork](#), [Unisys](#) and [ASG](#), this Workshop will explore concepts related to the understanding, improvement, redesign, migration and redeployment of existing software assets.

OMG/HL7 Workshop on Healthcare Interoperability

October 25-27, 2005
Alexandria, VA, USA

Hosted jointly by OMG's Healthcare Domain Task Force and HL7, and co-sponsored by [MedicAlert](#), this Workshop, taking a global view, will explore interoperability issues not only in healthcare IT but in public health and clinical research sectors as well.

Model Driven Architecture in the US Government

November 15, 2005
Washington, DC, USA

The eGovernment DSIG working group serves as a multi-agency (Civilian & Military) Community of Interest for the application of MDA to US Government Solutions. They are sponsoring a series of meetings in Washington DC.

The first meeting will be hosted by and located at the National Archives and Records Administration. The even is free of charge, but registration is required.

OMG Technical Meeting

Burlingame, California, USA
December 6-8, 2005

Special Events:

- OMG Technology Tutorials

- MDA FastStart Seminar
- Commercial Software Defined Radio Information Day

Also:

- Leveraging IT Standards for Regulatory Compliance Requirements
- UML Certification Exams

Cutoff Date for making Reservations in the OMG room block: Monday, November 14, 2005

Register and pay by Monday, November 7, 2005 to receive the Early-bird Discount.

For the full schedule of upcoming events, both OMG and co-sponsored, visit:
<http://www.omg.org/calendar>.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Nicole Rikkinen at nicole@omg.org.

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Technical Meeting Resource Hub Now Available

Be sure to visit the members-only Technical Meeting Resource Hub at <http://www.omg.org/members/TMResourceHub/>. There you will find meeting minutes and meeting summaries as well the following presentation:

"Model-Driven Business Process Platforms," by David S. Frankel, Lead Standards Architect – Model

Driven Systems, SAP Labs

Information from previous technical meetings is also available. See the *Past Meeting Presentations* archives at the bottom of the page.

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each Technical
meeting!*

OMG & BPMI Merger: Quotes of Note

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aligned approach. It is the natural evolution of bridging the gap between process and platform.” — Gavin Targonski, Global Systems Architect, British American Tobacco

“The combination of the OMG and BPMI will allow the BPM market to standardize the representation of Business Processes and catalyze the market in the same way that the OMG’s UML did a decade ago.” — Neal McWhorter, Principal, Enterprise Agility, Inc.

“Graham Technology welcomes this merger as a catalyst for bringing much needed sound software engineering principles to the discipline of BPM.” — David Williams, Research Director, Graham Technology

“Global 360 is pleased about the merger of BPMI.org and OMG. The consolidation of these BPM organizations means customers’ needs to integrate, analyze and optimize their business processes will easily be met as BPM standards are emerging and embraced by both the customer and the vendor. As a leading BPM vendor, Global 360 has always worked closely with BPMI.org to adopt, and help define leading BPM standards like BPMN and XPD. We look forward to continue working with OMG to help define these standards.” — Michael Crosno, President, Global 360

“The full integration of BPMI members into the Object Management Group creates new possibilities for standards that enable IT to meet the needs of the business. The OMG becomes the place where specifications of models for business management meet specifications of models for process automation.” — Donald Chapin, Business Modeling Consultant, Business Semantics Ltd

“Through its membership in BPMI.org, Axway was positioned at the forefront of the Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) standards definition. With this move, Axway moves to a new level of involvement in defining and understanding standards for the larger world of computing generally, and for our customers, supplying products that incorporate those

standards. We are immensely pleased to follow BPMI as it integrates into the OMG.” — Michel Clerin, Vice President of Marketing, Axway

“The merger will allow Business Analysts, IT Architects and Developers to accelerate business process integration using a suite of MDA and SOA standards rather than the proprietary implementations promoted by some. IBM is a leading proponent of business agility through business and IT alignment. We believe the efforts of OMG and BPMI to unify a set of business modeling standards (business process modeling, business rules and business organization – including OMG standards such as BPMN, BPD, PRR) that integrate with Business Process Infrastructure standards such as WS-BPEL from OASIS are important to our clients’ success.” — Sridhar Iyengar, Distinguished Engineer, IBM, and member, OMG Board of Directors

“As a strong supporter of open standards, Adobe is pleased to join the OMG, the leading standards body committed to driving thought leadership and excellence in the Business Process Management arena. We look forward to working with other industry leaders to help drive progress and consistency in business modeling and management standards that will benefit the industry as a whole.” — Ashish Agrawal, Product Manager, Adobe LiveCycle

“As the founding member of BPMI.org, Intalio is pleased to commit and contribute to OMG’s efforts in establishing BPM leadership and influencing industry standards.” — Ismael Ghalimi, Chief Strategy Officer, Intalio

“This vote of confidence by BPMI members confirms that the incorporation of BPMI into the OMG is already delivering value to the business process modeling community. Operating within a global standards body like the OMG can only hasten the maturity of BPMN and related standards. These standards facilitate the alignment of business goals with IT and the adoption of new technologies.” — Jan Popkin, Chief Strategist, Telelogic

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Our membership includes virtually every large company in the computer industry, and hundreds of smaller ones. Most of the companies that shape enterprise and Internet computing today are represented on our Board of Directors.

Our flagship specification is the multi-platform Model Driven Architecture® (MDA®). It is based on the modeling specifications UML®, MOF™, XMI®, and CWM™. OMG's own middleware platform is CORBA®, which includes the OMG IDL, and the IIOP protocol.

All of our specifications may be downloaded without charge from our website.

Any company may join OMG and participate in our standards-setting process. Our one-company-one-vote policy ensures that every company, large and small, has an effective voice in our process.

OMG Recent News

Recent Press Releases:

- **Business Modeling Specifications including Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) Advance at Object Management Group**
Two New Finance Specifications Also Start Adoption Process at OMG Meeting in Atlanta, GA, USA, September 12-16, 2005
- **OMG Announces Availability of Whitepaper Developed Jointly with The Open Group and the Integration Consortium**
TOGAF/MDA Mapping Paper is now available online

- **Adobe, Sterling Commerce and More Join OMG to work on Business Process Management Standards**
98% of Former BPMI.org Members Now Working Within the OMG
- **OMG Sponsoring RoboNexus Robotics Conference; OMG Robotics SIG to Hold Special Meeting**
Dr. Richard Soley and Dr. Jon Siegel of OMG to present on software standards at conference
- **OMG Announces Morgan Kaufmann Publishers as Official "OMG Press" Publisher**

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