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WfMC Announces David Hollingsworth as 2006 Recipient of Manheim Award for Significant Contributions in the Field of Workflow

September 27, Mainz, Germany. The Workflow Management Coalition (WfMC) announced here today that David Hollingsworth has been selected as the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Marvin L Manheim Award.

David has been a leading contributor to industry initiatives on workflow architecture and standards since the early 1990s.

As Chief Architect for ICL's Office Systems group (now part of Fujitsu) he was actively involved in the establishment of the Workflow Management Coalition in 1993 and was subsequently elected chair of its technical committee – a position held for over 10 years.

He was responsible for much of the industry founding architecture work, authoring the Workflow Reference Model, which defined the framework for standards development for the industry. He has contributed to all WfMC working groups, as well as numerous other industry initiatives and continues to encourage the development and adoption of open standards.

As a senior solution architect with Fujitsu Services David continues to apply this knowledge to complex, large scale system integration projects.

Dave Hollingsworth noted on accepting the award, "It is a real honor to receive this award and in accepting it I would like to pay tribute to the many colleagues and friends within the workflow industry who have contributed so much in stimulating ideas and discussion over a dozen or more years – and in particular, of course, to Marvin Mannheim, who was a real visionary in the application of process technology to the needs of business, a champion for open standards and a good friend of the Workflow Management Coalition.

"I first met Marvin in 1993 at a meeting of the Black Forest Group when we discussed some initial ideas for developing an industry standard architecture for workflow automation. It is gratifying to look back at how much has been achieved since that time, much of it through the hard work and expertise of the WfMC.

"Business Process Management has moved from niche to mainstream, and this increasing importance has reinforced the need for effective standards to support business integration and process evolution. The pace of change, both business and technology, will continue but the architecture and standards established over the last 12 years will provide a sound foundation for this future direction.

"Dave's contribution to the work and advancement of the coalition is second to none. From the early days formulating the reference model - now a defacto standard - which shaped the direction of the Coalition to the seminal work entitled the reference model 10 years on Dave has been in the thick of it," said Jon Pyke. "A truly outstanding contribution to the advancement of the WfMC and process understanding. We have much to thank him for."

“Dave attended more WfMC meetings than any other member, by a large margin,” said Keith Swenson, co-chair of the WfMC Technical Committee. “His guiding presence at so many meetings has been a big factor in driving the WfMC since its inception.”

The workflow reference architecture document released in 1995 was edited in a large part by David, and, as a testament to the solid research behind the document, this architecture document is still relevant today as the reference architecture for workflow systems. The creation of the WfMC Standards Reference Model has proved its importance in other areas of technology, most notably the ISO Seven Layer reference model for computer communications.

About Marvin L. Manheim

Marvin L. Manheim was the William A. Patterson Distinguished Professor of Transportation at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University from 1983 until his death in August 2000. Prof. Manheim was also associated with Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science, Transportation Center, Steel Resource Center, Institute for Learning Studies and Center for the Study of United States/Japan Relations, and taught executive management programs at Kellogg's James L. Allen Center. Prior to joining the Kellogg School, he held faculty positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Prof. Manheim's major area of interest was information technology and its uses strategically, competitively, and organizationally. It included strategy formulation and implementation processes; the management of globally competing organizations; and international transportation and logistics. He was also interested in computer assistance to human problem solving and decision-making, including decision support systems (DSS) and artificial intelligence.

About the Workflow Management Coalition (www.wfmc.org)

The WfMC, founded in August 1993, is a non-profit, international organization of workflow vendors, users, analysts and university/research groups. The Coalition's mission is to promote and develop the use of workflow through the establishment of standards for software terminology, interoperability and connectivity between workflow products. Comprising over 300 members worldwide, the Coalition is the only standards body for this specific software market. The creation of the WfMC Standards Reference Model has proved its importance in other areas of technology, most notably the ISO Seven Layer reference model for computer communications.

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