



DAMA UK News

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SIXTH EDITION

DAMA UK is a not-for-profit organisation based in the United Kingdom, supported by our membership and vendor sponsorship. Affiliated to the US based DAMA International our UK Chapter is growing rapidly, with a membership base that ranges across all types of industry. We have a minimum of 4 events per year and these are geared towards the interest and business needs of our members. For more information on DAMA UK and up and coming events please visit www.damauk.org.

New Members

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BUSINESS DATA QUALITY

DAMA UK Endorses Courses

Your committee have recently reviewed and agreed to endorse a number of Data Management related courses provided by IRM UK Ltd (www.irmuk.co.uk) and Stehle Associates (www.stehle.co.uk). Members may find these courses useful, either for themselves or for others in their organisations.

If you know of any other course providers with courses that you consider appropriate, the committee would be willing to review those courses with a view to providing similar endorsement.

Please contact Keith Gordon at kfgordon@damauk.org for more information. Keith also submits the BCS Membership Application forms on our behalf. DAMA UK members are entitled to free membership of BCS – a form can be downloaded from the DAMA UK website.

DAMA UK Website

The DAMA UK website was finally went live at the end of May! To date, we have received positive feedback and hope that the site offers the information and data that our members really want. We realise it is early days yet and the site will probably look very different in a few months time.

DAMA International do not hold any information about DAMA UK on their site and now have a simple link to the UK site and vice versa.

This makes updating an easier process and far less time consuming. If you have any comments about the site or wish to include an article or any other information please contact Sue Russell.

Metadata Research Practice

"Stu Carty has taken his keen (some may say fanatical) interest in metadata to a new level by setting up a metadata research practice, Gavilan Research Associates. The initial research offerings are a metadata usage survey, metadata solutions report, a metadata trends newsletter (every 2 - 3 months) and a one-day, onsite workshop. Further details are available on the web-site (www.metadataaresearch.com).

DAMA UK members involved in metadata management issues are encouraged to contribute to the usage survey and sign up for the newsletter. All participants in the survey will receive a copy of the cumulative findings. Carty is a featured speaker at the upcoming UK DAMA Symposium and will be presenting on Wednesday November 3rd. He reports that his 'Meta-Data Solutions Report', which provides a detailed comparison of twelve (12) leading metadata management vendors, is selling briskly to Global 5000 companies that want to learn more about current metadata solutions and software products."

DAMA UK Sponsorship.

If you have already visited the DAMA UK web site you will see that the various sponsorship agreements are detailed, along with costs, in the Vendor Section. Copies of the agreements will soon be available on the site.

If you are interested in sponsoring an individual event or even taking up an annual deal please call Sue Russell on 01179 796 976.

Your Newsletter

If you would like to submit an article of interest or news item please send in electronic format to sue.russell@damauk.org Publication and deadline dates are as follows:

25 October 2004 for November 2004

20 January 2005 for February 2005

15 April 2005 for May 2005

Although longer articles are very much appreciated, our preference would be for drafts of around 200 words.

Up and Coming Events 2004/2005

20 September 2004 – 1745 to 1900 hrs

**Jury's Clifton Ford Hotel
47 Welbeck Street,
London W1G 8DN**

**Special event with Peter Aiken
presenting on Evolving Data
Management Challenges in the coming
years.....**

Not to be missed!

DAMA UK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**2 November 2004
18.45 – 19.45**

**Both members and non members and
anyone who is has an interest in
DAMA UK are welcome. The DAMA UK
Board, DAMA International Board and
the DAMA International Advisory
Board will be present to answer your
questions.**

**You do not have to be registered for
the European Conference to attend so
please feel free to invite your
colleagues.**

1-3 November 2004

**Victoria Park Plaza Hotel
London**

**Data Management and Information
European Conference**

Three Conferences in One!

10% discount to DAMA UK MEMBERS

For more information please visit

www.irmuk.co.uk

or

www.damauk.org

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Data Architecture

**If you would like to hear from a
particular speaker or would like to
nominate a speaker from your
organisation we would like to hear
from you.**



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For more details on the above events or to register, please visit www.damauk.org and click on Up and Coming Events. Alternatively, please call Sue Russell on 01179 796 976 or email at sue.russell@damauk.org.

DAMA UK would like to thank



for their continuing support

To join DAMA UK, please call Sue on 01179 796 976 or email at Sue.russell@damauk.org - individual memberships are £15 per year and corporate £100.