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DAMA UK News

DAMA UK Committee News

The committee are pleased to announce progess on the mentoring scheme, see update below and a rise in membership. Full details will be available as part of the Annual General Meeting taking place next week at Silwood Park, Ascot (part of the seminar 'Data Management in the Real World'. The event is fully subscribed and we are expecting a lively meeting as always!

Congratulations to Chris Dawe on being elected a Fellow of the British Computer Society. Chris has been working in IT since 1983 and has been involved in Data Management for the last 23 years.

To find more information on the committee along with contact details, please go to www.damauk.org and click on 'committee' on the top menu bar.

DAMA UK Membership (Old and New)

There are still several membership invoices unpaid for this membership year and we are about go begin invoicing for the 2012-2013 membership year. As a membership based organisation we rely on prompt payment of invoices to manage the finances.

This year you can renew by going to the website and choosing Memberships on the left hand menu, please select which type of membership you require and follow the on screen instructions. An invoice/receipt will be issued for all payments made via PayPal. Alternatively, you can pay by BACS, or cheque. YOU CAN JOIN UNTIL 31 March 2013 for just £36 for individual and £240 for corporate levels. Excellent value for money with 3 x free of charge events, free webinars and support in a variety of ways from Data Management experts.

PLEASE REMEMBER - Once your payment has gone through register for Member's Area access, to do this click on register on the left hand menu and follow the on screen instructions. You will receive log in details by automated email. Existing members access expires on ***31 May*** and will be reactivated when payments have been received and cleared.

Finally, if your details change or you are not receiving emails with news and event details, contact sue.russell@damauk.org.

27 June 2012

Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence

Joint Event the the BCS DMSG (registration will be on the BCS website)

BSC HQ, London

FULLY BOOKED

28 March 2012

Data Management in the Real World

Silwood Park, Ascot

(Book now)

DAMA UK Events

October (Date and venue TBC) - Communications WG Interactive Workshop

We will also be offering a series of webinars throughout 2012. Dates and topics will be announced in the New Year. If you would like to host a webinar, opportunities will be available, please contact us with your ideas.

My First Year in DAMA UK

I joined the UK Chapter of the Data Management Association (DAMA) in 2011 after taking up a post in my company's Data Management team. My goal in joining the group was to increase my knowledge about Data Management, so that I can develop my ideas on the topic and further my career. Since joining, I have found DAMA UK to be very friendly and welcoming, with members who are keen to share their expertise and experience in the Data Management arena.

During the last year I have attended three DAMA UK events, each of which was an interactive and collaborative learning experience. I found the workshops especially useful as they were an opportunity to draw on experience from many different fields.

The first event provided me with the opportunity to join the Approaches work group, which is creating a beginner's guide to approaches to Data Management. Being part of this group has been very rewarding as I have worked with people who have extensive knowledge , whilst I was able to actively contribute by providing the viewpoint of a newcomer to the world of data management.
Another event that stands out for me was the seminar DAMA organised with the British Computer Society. This was a day filled with insightful and thought provoking presentations, as well as fully interactive working sessions such as the Communications Working Group.

The Communications Working Group is creating a matrix of communication tools to support Data Managers at all levels and stages of their careers. This matrix draws on the learning from the collective experience of the members of the group.

Since joining DAMA, I have been able to take tips and tools from all the events I attended and incorporate them into my daily work. I have also valued having access to DAMA's resources, from papers to mentoring, to assist me on my Data management journey. Discussions on the LinkedIn online forum are also a great way to share views, hints and tips, as well as to get answers to questions. And as with any group, the more you put in the more you will get out!

I am looking forward to my second year with DAMA UK and am confident that I will make progress in my career in Data Management with the support of such a knowledgeable and helpful network.

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DAMA UK Mentoring Scheme

Mentoring Scheme started in June 2011

Primary aims:

- To provide an introduction service to new and existing members so that people requiring mentoring and those willing to act as mentors can be connected
- To help improve the skills and expertise of all DAMA UK members by spreading skills, expertise and best practice across the organisation.
- To help enhance the professionalism of all DAMA UK members
- To serve as a value add DAMA UK service, thereby helping to retain current members and sponsors and to attract new members and sponsors

Current status

- 9 mentors and mentees are matched up
- Informal feedback from mentors and mentees has been generally very positive
- 1 new member mentee being matched up to appropriate mentor(s)
- 1 mentor seeking mentee: primary mentor skills are data taxonomies, data quality and master data

Future plans

- Formal mentor and mentee survey: *April 2012*
- Potential mentoring event to share experiences and lessons learned: *later in 2012*

If you are interested in mentoring or being a mentee, please contact Nigel Turner or Neil Harvey, contact details from Sue Russell on 01454 631 068!

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The DAMA UK White Paper on Approaches to Data Quality Management has been in our library for some time. It has recently been made available to non-members at http://www.slideshare.net/ChrisMaynard3/dama-uk-approaches-to-data-quality-management .

It can now be freely shared under a Creative Commons licence. It has had 190 views and 10 downloads to date.

CALL FOR PAPERS!!! THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 13 APRIL 2012

Data Management, Information Quality & Data Warehousing & Business Intelligence Conference Europe 2012

Data Warehouse & Business Intelligence Conference Europe 2012

The link to the call for speakers is http://www.irmuk.co.uk/dm2012/callforspeakers.cfm

Presentation proposals are now being accepted for the **following 2 co-located Conferences** taking place in London, UK, 5 - 7 November.

- Data Management & Information Quality Conference Europe 2012 - in association with DAMA International
- Data Warehouse & Business Intelligence Conference Europe 2012

This is an independent event, offering its audience a diverse range of experienced speakers who will provide a broad, practical perspective on Data Management, Information Quality and Data Warehousing & Business Intelligence. It will offer unparalled opportunities for networking and discussion of the latest issues.

Do you or any of your team have a formal presentation to contribute to this event? All selected speakers will be entitled to attend the event free of charge. You are more than welcome to submit a number of proposals and these can be submitted across the conferences. At this stage we would only require a brief outline of your suggested presentation. Making a submission is relatively easy - the main information that we would need are your contact details, a suggested title of the presentation, 150 words including 3-5 bullet points summarising your proposed presentation and a brief biography.

Please note that the deadline for submissions is 13 April at the latest. We are particularly interested in receiving submissions from user organisations. I would also appreciate it if you could forward this e-mail to any colleague that you feel would be interested in submitting a presentation.

To view the 2011 agenda click here. To view testimonials from previous attendees click here. To submit your speaking proposal click here.

DAMA UK Members are entitled to a 10% discount on all IRM UK Events, for a full list of 2012 conferences and seminars please go to www.irmuk.co.uk

IRM UK
Strategic IT Training Ltd

DG Data Governance Conference Europe 2012
23-25 April 2012, London

MDM Master Data Management Summit Europe 2012
23-25 April 2012, London

BPM Business Process Management Conference Europe 2012
18-20 June 2012, London

EAC Enterprise Architecture Conference Europe 2012
18-20 June 2012, London

DM&IQ Data Management & Information Quality Conference Europe 2012
5-7 November 2012, London

BA Business Analysis Conference Europe 2012
24-26 September 2012, London

DW&BI Data Warehouse & Business Intelligence Conference Europe 2012
5-7 November 2012, London

Datacenter Technology Academies

23 May 2012, London

With an uncertain economic outlook for the UK, it is vital that your organisation makes informed and considered investments in IT systems and services that will enable your business to maximise the opportunities available while ensuring a measurable return on investment.

Now in its fifth year in London, the Datacenter Technologies Academy can help you clarify your thinking and help maximise your IT investment plans for 2012 and beyond. The Academy will bring together leading suppliers in the market to deliver a series of educational conference sessions including selected sessions from the influential industry association, SNIA Europe, and a series of customer case-studies, where leading organisations will share their own experiences of deploying the latest IT solutions. Topics will encompass a variety of key technologies from virtualization to data protection and from cloud services to converged networking.

SNIA DATACENTER TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY 2012

Places are free for IT professionals within public and private organisations and representatives of the IT reseller/integrator and distribution community. Representatives/employees of non-sponsoring IT manufacturers/vendors will be charged a delegate fee to attend.

Click here to register!

TDWI World Conference Series 2012

LONDON

10-13 September

For more information visit http://www.smi-online.co.uk/goto/smart-grid-data53.asp

Request a FREE pass here for Utilities only!

Or Quote 'DAMA' for a 2 for the price of 1 delegate discount.

Electricity network operation is no longer about merely producing and delivering electricity. Customers require and demand additional services and high-quality delivery without extra costs, or are likely to change their energy provider.

Automatic meter reading has grown in popularity due to increased meter reading speed, cost savings, improved load profile, load management, interface remote accessibility options and geographical information of the network faults. However the quality of data is a very important issue and it cannot be overemphasized if the network operators wish to extract real value from the smart meter roll out. How to turn this data into actionable business intelligence remains high on the agenda, as well as who owns the data, how will it be regulated, stored, and will managed outsource services be required to handle the Data Tsunami for Utilities?

SMi are pleased to announce their 2nd annual conference on **Smart Grids Data and Information Management** on the **9th – 10th May** in **London**. With the smart grid and smart meter roll out expanding throughout Europe utilities will need to manage how they handle all this data – how to store it and how to convert it into useful information which can be used to make more profit, locate faults, make the customer savings.

FIMA REGULATION

FIMA Regulation - 24 May 2012

1 White Hall Place, London
www.fimaregulation.com

FIMA REGULATION

What is the impact of the new regulation to your business? How much is it costing you? How will it change your business processes? Are you prepared?

FIMA Regulation is designed to give you answers and a chance to debate the challenges facing the reference data community with respect to regulation. There are 4 types of sessions that will provide you with the answers, strategies and the opportunity to voice your opinion on the matter:

1. **Updates and panel discussions with the regulators;**
2. **Case Studies From Your Peers;**
3. **Opinions and Ideas from the Experts; and**
4. **Panel Discussion with your Vendors**

30+ senior reference data management experts from the world's top financial institutions will be speaking at FIMA Regulation 2012, they include:

- Chris Johnson
- Larry Tabb
- Julian Dorado
- Vangelis Tsianaxis
- PJ Giammarino
- Marc Berthoud

Enterprise Data World, formerly the DAMA International Symposium & Wilshire Meta-Data Conference, is the business world's most comprehensive educational event about data and information management. Over the course of five days, EDW presents a diverse schedule of programming that addresses every level of proficiency, including keynotes, workshops, tutorials, case studies, and discussions. The conference includes over 200 hours of cutting-edge content in a vendor-neutral environment, with specialized tracks that allow you to focus on the data management topics most pertinent to your needs, including all-new tracks on Unstructured Data and Data-driven Business.

http://edw2012.dataversity.net/index.cfm

This is DAMA's main educational conference of the year. Your DAMA Member coupon code of DAMA429 will save you $250, Earlybird discounts of $200 expire this coming Friday, March 23, for a total savings of $450!