



## **BPMI.ORG GETS UNDERWAY AT KICK-OFF MEETING**

*Members of Business Process Management Initiative Take Action*

**BURLINGAME, CA - September 27, 2000** - BPMI.org, the Business Process Management Initiative, announced the first meeting of the new organization was held on Thursday, September 21 in Burlingame, CA. Over 40 high tech professionals from around the world participated in the day-long session to meet fellow members, establish a foundation for the initiative, and discuss plans moving forward.

Among the many issues discussed was the working draft of the Business Process Modeling Language (BPML). BPML is an XML Schema that provides a standard way to model mission-critical business processes. By covering the multiple dimensions of business process modeling in the open enterprise, BPML will bridge the gap between legacy IT infrastructures and emerging business-to-business collaboration protocols such as RosettaNet, BizTalk, ebXML, and WSDL. An initial working draft of BPML was submitted to members on August 15, 2000.

"The meeting has revealed a wide consensus from vendors, integrators, and customers on the needs and approaches for the Business Process Modeling Language," said Jean-Jacques Dubray, Chief Architect at eXcelon Corporation (Nasdaq: EXLN). "The first release of the BPML specification will establish a clear interface with business collaboration protocols, a complete model for process transactions across company boundaries, and a well defined link between the process flow and the data flow."

"Last week's meeting was a fantastic beginning for BPMI.org," noted Ismael Ghalimi, CEO of Intalio. "It became instantly clear that the members are focused on achieving meaningful, lasting results that will benefit everyone involved in business process management."

Founded on August 7, 2000, BPMI.org represents a host of companies formed to define specifications for the management of mission-critical business processes that span multiple applications, corporate departments, and business partners. The XML-based standards generated from this initiative will support and complement existing business-to-business collaboration protocols such as RosettaNet, BizTalk, ebXML, and WSDL, and new service registration and discovery initiatives such as UDDI.

Membership to the Business Process Management Initiative is open to any company, organization, or individual. More information about BPMI.org, including quotes and profiles of member companies, can be found at [www.BPMI.org](http://www.BPMI.org).

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