

Third PDF/A Conference to be held in Berlin in June

(Berlin) The PDF/A Competence Center is organizing its third international PDF/A conference this year. The event will take place June 17-19 2009 in the Kosmos in Berlin, offering technical presentations by international experts, tracks for various PDF/A topics and areas of interest as well as pre-conference workshops for practical applications of PDF/A. Users from respected companies in various sectors and public institutions will report their experiences with PDF/A. Members of the PDF/A Competence Center will present their solutions in an accompanying exhibition. The cost of registration for the event is € 980. An early bird rate of € 870 is available until March 31. Additional information and registration can be found at www.pdfa.org.

This year the PDF/A Competence Center has once again succeeded in putting together an attractive program of lectures to address the interests of a variety of target groups. The agenda includes three parallel tracks which offer sessions introducing the concepts of PDF/A as well as presentations of specialist expertise. This year's keynote speakers are: Stephen Levenson, a judiciary records officer for the Administrative Office of the U.S. District Courts and head of the ISO PDF/A committee; Leonard Rosenthol, PDF standards architect at Adobe Systems; and Bernhard Zoeller, a renowned ECM consultant. The second day is devoted to user presentations. Dr. Silke Stapel from the EU Publications Office and Jacob Bielfeldt of the German health insurance company Techniker will be speaking that day.

The presentations on the first day of the conference (June 18) cover various topics involving PDF/A. These include a general introduction to the archiving format, legal challenges as well as the use of metadata. The second day (June 19) continues with sector-specific tracks. Users and experts will present specific topics for

- archives, libraries and public administration,
- engineering, manufacturing and machine construction,
- B2C (such as banks, insurance companies and telecommunications providers) and

■ the healthcare sector.

The conference will conclude with a panel discussion moderated by Harald Grumser and Olaf Druemmer, both management board members of the PDF/A Competence Center.

The day before the conference (June 17) will offer workshops on special topics involving PDF/A, such as metadata or signatures. The small groups facilitate detailed discussions as well as in-depth sharing of experience and knowledge.

On both days of the conference there will be an exhibition at which members of the PDF/A Competence Center will present their current products and solutions.

About PDF/A

The ISO 19005 standard (PDF/A) defines requirements for creating documents suitable for archiving based on the widely available PDF format. The standard specifies in detail what content is allowed and what is not. These and other specifications are intended to ensure long-term readability of the documents regardless of the application software and operating system in which they were originally produced. The advantages of PDF/A such as full-text search capabilities have led it to already replace TIFF as the preferred archiving format in numerous international governmental organizations as well as in private industries.

About the PDF/A Competence Center

The PDF/A Competence Center was established as an international association in 2006. The objective of the association is to promote the exchange of information and experience in the field of long-term archiving in accordance with ISO 19005 (PDF/A). The management board is composed of executives from callas software GmbH, Compart AG, intarsys consulting GmbH, LuraTech Europe GmbH, PDF Tools AG (CH), PDFlib GmbH and SEAL Systems AG. Within less than two years, more than 85 companies and various experts from more than 20 countries joined the PDF/A Competence Center. The executive chairman is Harald Grumser, CEO of Compart AG, Dr. Hans Baerfuss, CEO of PDF Tools AG, Switzerland, is the executive vice-chairman.

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