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Events News

AVEVA Announces Speakers and Sponsors for AVEVA World Summit 2013

10 October 2013

AVEVA today announced additional speaker, sponsor and agenda details for this year's AVEVA World Summit. This global event is being held from 30 October – 1 November in Boston, Massachusetts, USA where author Dan Roam will stimulate delegates' imagination in an engaging keynote session. Based on his bestselling book 'The Back of the Napkin', Dan will explore how visual thinking can be used to improve business communication. This will be followed by the launch of several exciting new AVEVA products, technology insights and previews by senior AVEVA managers, and presentations by AVEVA customers describing their achievements with technology in the process plant, power and marine industries.

Responding to positive delegate feedback following last year's successful event, AVEVA has evolved the Summit format to include focused, highly relevant agendas for the specific interests of plant Owner Operators (OOs), engineering contractors (EPCs) and shipbuilders. These agendas will explore asset efficiency, project optimisation and integrated shipbuilding strategies with topics that include: Engineering & Design for Lean Construction, Integrated Project Execution, Laser Scanning for Efficient Operations and Revamp, Maximising Information Value, Streamlining Handover, and Vessel Lifecycle Management.

Customer speakers will present practical aspects of the key Summit topics, sharing their technology and business experience on a wide variety of projects and asset operations from around the world. This year's event features customer speakers from ADMA OPCO, BHEL, DSME, EDC, KOSPO, Lengiproneftehim, MAN Diesel & Turbo, Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding, MILPO, Pacific

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Microsoft is a principal sponsor of the Summit and will showcase a wide range of Windows 8.1 tablets and touch-enabled devices for enterprise applications. AVEVA has been working in partnership with Microsoft to develop mobile applications that enhance the engineering and design process throughout the lifecycle of a project and the operation of an asset.

“We have a very strong agenda for the 2013 Summit with an impressive list of customer speakers eager to share their experiences”, explained Mat Truche-Gordon, Executive Vice-President – Business Strategy and Marketing, AVEVA. “From my perspective, this is what makes the Summit such a successful event. With the help of our customers we have created an environment in which we can learn from each other. The complexity of projects and assets is steadily increasing and engineering must operate across multiple disciplines, companies and geographies. The Summit has established itself as a place for decision makers to meet and discuss how technology can support them in meeting the challenges of the industries we serve. With the strong support of our customers and sponsors, I am looking forward to a very productive Summit in Boston!”

The AVEVA World Summit will deliver an insightful, focused programme for mid-level and senior management, project managers and decision makers and also includes a number of social activities for industry networking. For more information visit the website at www.avevaworld.com or click [here](#) for more information on the agendas.

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Business Software, ERP-PLM Event for the Industry

10 October 2013

On november 5, 10:00-18:00 – Van der Valk Hotel in Eindhoven (Netherlands). Details and Registration: www.business-software-event.nl

This annual ERP-PLM event is intended for managers from the industry. The Congress with Tabletop Exhibition offers you an inspiring, informative and interactive program. You get new insights and answers to business software as a strategic instrument. Here you will met more than 250 experts!

The topics:

- Process improvement & supply chain integration
- ERP, PDM/PLM, BI, CRM, PCF, SCF, MES, CAD, CAM etc.
- Trends: cloud, dashboards, mobility and business app 's

- Vendor selection, implementation, integration and optimization

Make sure you are there! Because:

- All about ERP, PLM/PDM, BI, CRM, SCF, PCF
- 12 independent lectures & roundtables (discussions)
- Exhibition with 45 specialist companies
- Compact & effective
- For managers, by managers

Date: 5 november 2013

Location: Van der Valk Hotel, Eindhoven

Cost: 45 euro p.p excl. VAT. (Registration Required)

Details and Registration: www.business-software-event.nl

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Financial News

TXT e-solutions: Revenues + 14% and Growing Orders in the first 9 Months 2013

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In the first 9 months of 2013 TXT e-solutions, global software vendor focusing on large Customers in Retail, Luxury Goods and Fashion, has recorded revenues in excess of €39 million, with about 14% growth versus 2012. International revenues account for more than 50% of the total. Revenues from planning software for Retail, Luxury Goods and Fashion companies grew 23% year on year.

Total orders in the first 9 months of 2013 were in excess of €42 million, growing at a higher rate than revenues, due to strong new orders in 3^o quarter for software Perform by important customers in North America – Thirty-One Gifts (USA), Holt Renfrew (CAN) and Samsonite (USA) and in Europe – Sephora (F) and Delsey (F). New contracts in Q3 follow those already signed in 2013 with leading companies in the Luxury Goods and Retail sectors - Celine (F), Tesco (UK), Bestsellers (DK), Lavazza (I), Miroglio (I), Devenlay-Lacoste (F), Valeo (D), Ad van Geloven (NL), FatFace (UK), Modells' (USA).

Net Financial Position, positive at €3,2 million at the end of 2012, further improved due to operating cash flow in the first 9 months 2013, after paying €2 million in dividends.

They forecast a growth of EBITDA in Q3 2013, compared to the same quarter of last year.

The Board of Directors will meet on September 6th to approve the results of Q3 2013.

TXT share price has grown by about 110% during 2013.

“The long term focus of our International development plan is on Luxury, Fashion and Specialized Retail in Europe and North America – Mr. Alvise Braga Illa, TXT’s Chairman, has stated. In the short term the Company is reacting well to the current negative economic scenario in our target markets, particularly uncertain in USA”.

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Implementation Investments

Hampshire Group Chooses Centric Software Product Lifecycle Management

9 October 2013

Hampshire Group, Limited, a leading provider of sportswear, has selected Centric Software, Inc., to provide its [product lifecycle management \(PLM\)](#) solution.

Hampshire Group specializes in designing and marketing men’s sportswear to department stores, chain stores and mass-market retailers under licensed brands, its own proprietary brands and the private labels of its customers. The company’s brands include Aeropostale®, Dockers® and Panama Jack®.

According to David Price, Hampshire Group’s senior vice president of operations, the company chose Centric as its PLM provider because of Centric’s configurability, [Agile Deployment \(SM\)](#) implementation approach, dedicated focus on the fashion industry, and innovative leadership in mobile apps for PLM. "Centric provided an integrated solution that will work for all of Hampshire Group’s internal and external users, including the Honduran manufacturing facility," he explains.

In addition, Centric offered a team that understood the specific needs of the apparel industry and of Hampshire Group, says Price. The Centric 8 PLM software will provide Hampshire Group "one source of truth" and more accurate reporting, while eliminating extensive spreadsheet use and duplication of efforts. "Simply put, Centric understands how to address the financial and organizational challenges unique to the industry," states Price.

The Centric 8 PLM solution will provide a consistent product development environment for Hampshire Group while costing far less than alternatives that required multiple applications and systems, says Price. The merchandising, design, technical design, production, materials management, sourcing, quality, marketing, sales and executive teams at Hampshire Group all will use Centric 8.

The Hampshire Group will use Centric’s 8 Collection Book for iPad app to provide a direct, up-to-date,

accurate link between the sales team and product development. "Using the Collection Book for iPad App will fulfill a key strategic goal at Hampshire Group," says Michael Parker, the company's vice president of sales. "With the Collection Book app, sales reps will present highly targeted and relevant collections to customers, resulting in improved customer service and increased sales."

"The configurable Centric 8 PLM system, designed to meet the needs of the apparel industry, will provide Hampshire Group the enterprise-wide impact the company desires to help grow its business," says Chris Groves, president and CEO of Centric. "Iconic brands such as Aeropostale, Dockers and Panama Jack, paired with Centric 8's innovative and comprehensive functionality, will enable Hampshire Group to provide strong results going forward."

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Product News

Delcam CRISPIN Launches New Shoe Costing Software

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Delcam CRISPIN has released a new version of its ShoeCost software for the prediction and management of the cost of footwear manufacture. Since the release of the original ShoeCost package several years ago, the product has become the market-leading footwear-costing solution, being trusted by a wide range of leading global brands. The 2014 version offers a more intuitive interface and integrates more closely with other Delcam CRISPIN CAD/CAM packages to streamline the design and manufacturing process, whilst still giving manufacturers better control over costs and profitability.

ShoeCost 2014 provides a clear breakdown of all the costs involved in footwear manufacture, making it easy to compare the actual cost of the shoe to the target cost. Costs can be included for cut pattern pieces and components, as well as for labour and overheads. The overall cost for the shoe changes dynamically when the simple drag and drop functionality is used to add or remove elements of the design, such as pattern pieces and components. This makes it easy for footwear professionals to stay within their target cost and to produce accurate costing reports quickly.

A key feature of ShoeCost 2014 is its flexible approach to reporting. Every footwear manufacturer has a unique set of needs when producing costing reports. Delcam CRISPIN has, therefore, made the interface fully customisable, enabling users to choose which tools to display and where to locate them on the screen, so making the software as easy to use as possible.

In addition, users can choose from 38 variables, such as material colour, total nested area, and efficiency of material usage, to include in their reports. Each option can be selected from a menu, and the user can determine how each variable is presented on the screen, making it easier than ever for footwear professionals to produce a costing report that is specific to their business.

The latest updates make nesting for both leather hides and synthetic materials quick and easy. Leather templates included with the software can be used immediately, while, for optimum accuracy, quality zones can be defined within digitised leather hides within just a few minutes. ShoeCost allocates pattern pieces to an appropriate quality zone automatically, and can even utilise spare space in better quality zones if necessary to ensure that the maximum yield is achieved.

Delcam CRISPIN has tested the software extensively to ensure that automatic nesting achieves the most efficient results. However, custom nesting is still possible by allowing users to change the interlocking method dynamically, so ensuring that they maintain full control at all times.

ShoeCost 2014 fully integrates with all other Delcam CRISPIN CAD/CAM products by saving data into a single file. This means the user is not required to continually import and export multiple formats which takes time and can result in data loss. Instead, all Delcam CRISPIN software uses a single .Shoe file which contains all information about every element of the shoe. Just like other Delcam CRISPIN solutions, ShoeCost 2014 extracts the data it needs from the file for its part of the shoemaking process. Pattern parts can also be imported in the DXF format.

Delcam CRISPIN is the world's leading supplier of specialist footwear CAD/CAM software. It is the only provider of an end-to-end 3D solution that covers all elements of the shoemaking process from design through to manufacture. It achieves this with a set of comprehensive, powerful yet easy-to-use tools that require minimal training.

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Luxion Releases KeyShot 4.2

10 October 2013

Luxion is pleased to announce the release of KeyShot 4.2 with new features and updates to existing tools that simplify the rendering and animation process.

The focus of KeyShot 4.2 is improvements in the areas of rendering, usability, control, integration and animation while adding more flexibility to the creation of product visuals. With major new features such as LiveLinking, physical lighting, focused caustics and procedural materials introduced within KeyShot 4, KeyShot 4.2 brings faster rendering, better selection and more control over hardware and 3D data import allowing users to work faster and more efficiently with their models inside of KeyShot without jeopardizing the final quality of their images, animations and KeyShotVR interactive visuals.

New KeyShot 4.2 Features and Updates

Many of the updates in KeyShot 4.2 aim directly at improving the user experience of the software and the visual development workflow. Users will find easier ways to organize their imported 3D data, work with KeyShot's scientifically accurate materials presets and color libraries, as well as have greater

control over the rendering environment and settings. The majority of updates include improvements to existing features inside KeyShot with some additional new features that deliver enhanced usability for users. Detailed documentation on new features can be found [here](#). Highlighted new features inside KeyShot 4.2 include:

Groups

KeyShot 4.2 introduces the ability to create groups in the Project Scene tree. Users may create new groups, drag and drop parts and sub-assemblies into existing groups and move parts between one group and another. The capability includes a full featured dialog that allows users to add one or multiple parts to an existing group or create a new group directly from the realtime render interface.

Set Core usage

KeyShot now comes with the ability to set priority on the amount of CPU cores used by KeyShot. Since KeyShot is fully CPU-based and utilizes 100% of all available cores, this ensures users are able to have access to more CPU power in other programs while KeyShot is rendering. This is a simple setting accessed from the KeyShot Preferences with the minimum being four cores.

Material swap

Users can now swap materials between selected parts without having to change the material for each part. Users have two options, swapping materials by selecting parts or by dragging and dropping materials from the KeyShot library onto existing materials in the in-project library.

Scene revisions

KeyShot now offers the ability to save revisions of a scene. When users save a scene, rather than overwriting each scene with the latest settings, they can now save revisions of the same scene which can then be accessed later from within KeyShot.

Realtime presets

There are now more presets available for the realtime viewer. Through the Project settings, users have an immediate selection of preset options that include actual aspect ratios found in print and digital media. These presets are single-click settings that can also be locked to ensure proper resolution.

Additional updates

Additional updates focus on improvements in four main areas where users have provided valuable input and feedback, updates that include:

Improved render features - faster realtime render mode, transparency for toon material

Improved usability - select objects by material, light/dark interface themes

Improved control - Axalta color tweaker, faster object highlight, improved texture mapping, improved move tool and dynamic sliders, copy HDRI regions and scene tree autoscroll.

Improved animation - New dynamic pivot point and selection of helper objects from the realtime window.

Improved integration - Support for Autodesk Inventor 2014, improved SolidWorks importer and improved Alias import.

Further details on all these new features and detailed documentation on what's new inside KeyShot 4.2 is available for download at <http://keyshot.com/whats-new/>

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Rotomation Selects CADENAS PARTsolutions to Provide Digital 3D Parts Content

9 October 2013

Rotomation has selected CADENAS PARTsolutions to create and support their all-new catalog of online digital 3D part content. A Florida-based manufacturer of pneumatic and low-pressure hydraulic actuators, Rotomation will be introducing their new configurator, capable of generating more than 30 billion unique products, along with a newly designed website in early 2014.

Rotomation manufactures extremely configurable, pneumatic rotary actuators for use in automation systems. All of their products are assembled to order, and special configurations are common. With the new online configurator, Rotomation is looking to reach a broader audience of engineers by offering high quality CAD models in more formats.

“Our products are highly configurable,” says Steve Mandarano, General Manager at Rotomation. “Plus, we work with designers in a variety of industries, who use many different CAD environments. Since we work with such a large cross-section of the engineering community, we need to be able to provide configurable, native content for all, not just a few customers.”

Rotomation is upgrading from a solution which only provided CAD models limited to a few formats.

“We were unsure of the future of our existing configurator platform. We also wanted a more reliable and user friendly configurator interface,” adds Norman Lane, President of Rotomation.

Rotomation is upgrading their online part catalog with CADENAS eCATALOGsolutions technology to provide more than 150 native and neutral CAD and graphic formats 150 native and neutral including all major design applications such as Dassault Systèmes CATIA®, Siemens NX®, PTC Creo®, SolidWorks®, Autodesk Inventor®, Siemens Solid Edge®, and more.

By offering these native files to their customers, Rotomation will enable designers to increase their design accuracy while saving engineering time. Engineers will no longer need to re-draw Rotomation parts within their design, as they will be able to download and place the component instantly. This process enables designers to specify parts to the BOM (bill of materials) in the design stage, making the job of sourcing components parts much easier for the purchasing department.

“Rotomation customers will love the added power and flexibility of the CADENAS PARTsolutions

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interface,” adds Rob Zesch, President and COO of CADENAS PARTsolutions. “Thanks to the new parts catalog and interface, customers will return again and again, pulling new sales through the design process. This will prove to be a significant boost for Rotomation’s marketing program, and their sales team.”

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