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Dear members and friends of our BPM Group,

An amazing year is coming to an end. At the beginning of this year, we adopted two key priorities: creating synergies between the activities in the group and enhancing our branding. At the close of the year, we can confidently state that we made substantial progress in both areas. First, we developed an overall team spirit in which the separation between our activities in business process management and in process execution technology is less obvious than it was at the beginning of the year. We see a wide range of collaborations between various researchers in our group and this is a main pre-requisite in order to benefit from our group size. Second, we were able to further enhance our branding as one of the world's leading BPM research entities. The opportunity to host the BPM 2007 is perhaps the most obvious evidence of the esteem and trust that the global BPM research community has in our capabilities.

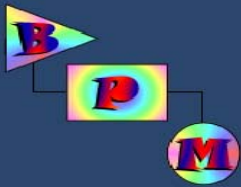
We will allocate time in January to develop a specific Strategy Map for our Research Group so we are able to even better define, direct and measure all our research activities. This plan will be obviously impacted by the new Research Quality Framework (RQF).

We believe that we are already well prepared for the RQF in both dimensions, i.e. quality and impact. In term of Research Quality, we can proudly state that in 2006 we were able to successfully publish papers at all the most prestigious conferences in our area (i.e. acceptance rate < 15 %) such as CAiSE, BPM, ER and ICIS. Furthermore, we placed articles in reputable journals such as Information Systems, Decision Support Systems, European Journal of Information Systems, and Data and Knowledge Engineering. In addition, 2006 saw the first use (that we know of) of the YAWL system in a production environment.

We appreciate the tremendous contributions of all members of our research group and acknowledge the significant workload by all members that is required to maintain our research group as a leading global player in this domain – next to our friends from Eindhoven. The success of our group is based on many shoulders, and it is the complementary and collaborative nature of our group interactions that facilitate this success.

We are looking forward to another exciting year which will give us among others the unique opportunity to showcase our capabilities as part of the BPM 2007 conference. For now, however, we will focus on recharging our batteries. So, enjoy the quiet time, relax and have a great start into 2007.

Merry Christmas, Michael & Arthur



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meeting will take place at Powerlink, Brisbane, on 15 February 2007. This will be a working session on the process of process management. Further information on this community of practice can be found at www.bpm-roundtable.com.

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SAP Research Brisbane celebrated its 5th Anniversary on 17 November with a series of presentations in the morning and a cocktail function in the evening. Our group spoke on behalf of QUT about the outcomes and overall benefits of this very fruitful relationship. The entire BPM Group wishes *“Happy Birthday!”* and we are looking forward to the coming years of this very enjoyable collaboration.

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SAP India invited Michael Rosemann to a one week (20-24 November) lecture tour with events in Bangalore, Pune and Delhi. Among others, he gave presentations at the Institute of Science in Bangalore, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Pune. An IEEE seminar in Bangalore and a presentation at SAP India were addressing more practical issues of BPM. Further meetings with IIIT Bangalore and Infosys completed this program.

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Anshuman Agrarwal and Chris Russell started their BPM-related **internship (InStep)** at Infosys in Bangalore and Pune, India, in November. Both students will spend 3 months in India. Anshuman and Chris are working on the *“ROI of BPM”* and *“A meta model for reference models”*.

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Our **“Annual Staff Meeting”** took place on 15 December. Nearly 30 members of our Group came to celebrate a successful year and the upcoming break. A big *“Thank you”* to Jessica Prestedge and Hui Min Tan for organising a great event, which ended for some in the early morning...

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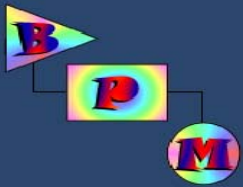
Adam Hearne is a **new Honours student** within the BPM Group. He will work with Christian Flender and Jan Recker on **“Context-aware business process models”**.

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Christoph Riedl from the TU Munich joined our group as a new Occupational Trainee student. He will contribute to our ARC Linkage ‘Service Ecosystems’. His topic is in the area of **Service Quality Management**.

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Matthias Lange is currently working with us on his Bachelor thesis (University of Muenster). The topic is **Process Portfolio Management**.



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BPM 2007 NEWS

Regular BPM 2007 meetings were held on 16 October and 15 November. Everyone shared their progress with the team. This meeting also brought up some new ideas for the conference (e.g. involvement of venture capitalist for demo sessions) which will be explored in the near future.

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QUT's Continuous Professional Education group has been assigned responsibility for all administrative tasks related to BPM 2007. A focus of the CPE activities will be registration, invoicing and facilities management.

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We currently have four **conference sponsors**. SAP will be the exclusive conference partner and we are excited about this collaboration. EII and ACS are further sponsors. QUT is now listed as a premium sponsor and the German EMISA association has gives us an endorsement for the conference. At this stage we are following up some very promising sponsorship leads with further international technology vendors and consulting groups. Furthermore,

we currently explore further endorsements from US-based BPM organisations.

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It has been decided that the BPM 2007 conference dinner will be held at **Vino's Restaurant and Bar, Riverside**.

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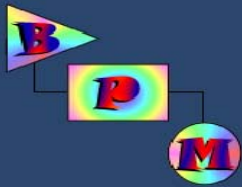
Professor Arum Sharma, DVC Research and Commercialisation, will officially open the BPM 2007 conference on behalf of QUT on 25 September 2007.

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The **4th International Workshop on Web Services and Formal Methods** will be a further co-located event at BPM 2007. Marlon Dumas will be the Chair of this workshop.

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The **Call for Workshop proposals** will close just before Christmas. We are very pleased with the very strong interest and are confident that the final workshop program, which will be announced in mid January, will be very attractive.



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BPM MEETING MINUTES

The BPM group meets regularly on Thursdays, 10.00-12.00 for presentations for internal and external members. Please contact **Chun Ouyang** (c.ouyang@qut.edu.au), if you are interested in receiving invitations to these seminars.

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The BPM Group seminar information can now be viewed on the BPM website – under **seminars** (www.bpm.fit.qut.edu.au/seminars). Here you can find out information about what topics will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

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Christian Flender & Peter Ansell presented their work on context-aware business processes in a seminar on 5 October.

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On 19 October, **Chun Ouyang** discussed how BPMN could be translated into BPEL.

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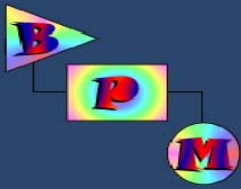
On 2 November, **David Edmond** gave an overview of XBRL - eXtensible Business Reporting Language, and showed us some examples of how it actually works.

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On 30 November, **Marco Fagnoli** from **Smiths Aerospace, Brisbane**, talked about how Smiths is introducing BPM into its business. This presentation was part of our strategy to attract regular industry presenters into this seminar series.

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Sonia Lippe and Julien Vayssiere from **SAP** gave a seminar on the outcomes of the EU Project ATHENA on 14 December.



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PERSONAL PROFILE OF ... MARLON DUMAS



Nickname: Marlon

Date of birth: 22 August

Where are you from: Honduras. BTW, do you know what the capital of Honduras is?

Job title: Associate Professor

Involvement in the BPM group: I do some research on my own, but mainly spend time supervising research students, postdocs and research assistants; and also a lot of time writing project proposals, liaising with industry and fighting against bureaucracy.

Time involved with BPM: About 6 years

Where you see yourself in five years: Same place but hopefully with a better plan for the following 5 years

Dream job: My current job with more resources and less work-load

Favourite thing to do on a rainy day: Imagining that the rain will finally fill the dams!

Favourite vacation spot: Can't think of one specifically; a coral island is always good place to start

Favourite sport: Soccer

Favourite drink: Horchata (see Wikipedia)

Favourite meal: Crab soup with yucca and malanga (again, see Wikipedia)

Favourite book: The Tunnel, by Argentine novelist Ernesto Sabato

Best movie you have seen: Cinema Paradiso by Italian filmmaker Giuseppe Tornatore

Type of music you enjoy: International folk music in general: bolero, flamenco, traditional French songs, bossa nova ...

Most embarrassing moment: Fortunately, it hasn't happened yet!

Number one thing on your wish list: Finish some "urgent" work.