



LIZ BENISON

Liz Benison is the UK COO for CapGemini's Technology Services Practice, and under this remit she has overseen the successful growth and development of their UK SAP business. Liz has worked in the UK IT Business for nearly 20 years, and in leadership positions for the last 10. Liz's association with SAP started in the mid-1990's when she worked for UK SAP Consultancy, Druid. She headed up their Aerospace and Defence Practice and later became the UK MD. She was then the UK COO for Xansa, before joining CapGemini.



FRANCIS BEHR

Francis Behr is an appointed representative for Syntec-Informatique, the Trade Association for the French hi-tech industry (computer services and software publishing). Prior to this, he spent 29 many years in consulting and IT industry, serving in a variety of positions, in France, in Western Europe and in the United States. During the 1992-1995 period, he led a 3-year corporate Business Transformation and Re-engineering project. He joined Syntec-Informatique to create a network of sister-associations in Western Europe: Intellect (UK), Bitkom (Germany), ICT-Office (The Netherlands), Agoria (Belgium) and Aitech-Assinform (Italy). He also was instrumental in organising the first Truffle 100 Europe, the "Hit-Parade" of European software vendors (SAP was the winner in 2006).



IAN BOAG

S.V.P. Global Enterprise Solutions Atos Global Consulting and SI

Iain has 32 years experience in the consulting and IT industry. The majority of his experience has been delivering large international projects. The creation of key client relationships, and establishing new geography's e.g. Middle East and Africa. Iain is responsible at Global level for Atos Origin's Enterprise Solutions Business, and also for the groups Process Manufacturing Business.



PASCAL CURTAT

Pascal Curtat is a Director in Deloitte's France SAP Practice. He is in charge of the SAP Alliance strategy for Deloitte in France. He has more than 15 years of experiences on SAP projects implementations.



Consulting Expert to implement SAP Shared Services Center (Finances & HR), he has worked for many big customers across Europe, such as ALCAN, ALSTOM, BASF, TOTAL and SCHNEIDER.



BOB DRAKE

Bob is Business Development Director at Sheffield Hallam University, a founder member of the SAP University Alliance in the UK. He has over 15 years experience of business transformation, primarily in manufacturing organisations. In his current role he is responsible for the development of SAP related programmes and partnerships. As a result he has worked with a variety of companies such as Accenture, BT, Capgemini, CSI, Diagonal Consulting, HM Customs & Excise, Hewlett Packard, Rolls Royce, Saudi Aramco and Xansa. Bob is responsible for integrating SAP into academic subject areas such as information systems, engineering, manufacturing and management. He has also developed the MBA Information Systems, MSc Enterprise Systems and the MSc Technical Consulting (with Capgemini), all with SAP academy and certification. In his spare time Bob is a reviewer for Springer-Verlag and for the Journal of Production Planning & Control.



DAVID DUTT

Partner
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David is part of Deloitte's leadership team managing the SAP Service Area within Deloitte's UK Business Consulting practice.

He has over 15 years experience of business transformation programmes supported by SAP and has worked with a number of key SAP accounts for the firm. He has worked on implementations in Canada, North America and the UK; including 5 years working with one of the UK's largest companies on their business transformation programme.

He has excellent business knowledge of a variety of industries together with a sound working knowledge of Change Management, Process System controls, Re-engineering, Risk Management and IT strategy.

Recently David has taken responsibility for leading the SAP Governance, Risk and Compliance initiative bringing together Deloitte's Consulting, Audit and Tax Service Lines.



VINCENT DELAPORTE

Vincent Delaporte is a managing partner of Accenture in charge of the SI-SAP practice across EALA (EMEA + Latin America).

Vincent joined Accenture in 1988 after graduating in engineering. For more than 12 years he worked on large scale business transformation programs using SAP solutions. Vincent has successfully supported client work across more than 20 countries and across a number of industry groups, including Consumer Products, Oil and Gas, Utilities, Electronic & High Tech.

His primary area of expertise covers all aspects of complex program management, change management and process transformation. Today Vincent is managing the Accenture EALA SAP practice across multiple industries and countries.



JAMES GORDON



James Gordon is Vice President, SAP Practice, IBM Global Business Services, NE Europe. In this role, James is responsible for all IBM GBS consulting services and application outsourcing around SAP's solutions and service offerings in NE Europe. Prior to moving to Europe, James was Vice President, Application Services, IBM Asia Pacific. In that role he was responsible for all Systems Integration and Application Outsourcing work for IBM's clients across Asia Pacific. Mr. Gordon has worked with global multinational corporations and governments over a 28 year period in the area of large scale computer systems integration projects combined with process and organisational transformation.



LUDOVIC GRILLET

National Business Unit SAP Director - Capgemini France



Ludovic is leading the SAP National Business Unit at Capgemini France. With more than 15 years experience in consulting and IT services, including 10 years spent in Business Transformation and ERP integration, he is involved in a variety of SAP areas including SAP service offerings strategy, Business Development, Industrialization and projects delivery. Ludovic further participates in projects for customers in Manufacturing and Utilities sectors.



At Capgemini France, Ludovic launched and headed successfully the CRM practice and brought Capgemini to a leading position after a leading position in business development for Telecommunication Manufacturing sector.

Prior to moving to Capgemini France in 1996, he worked in an IT Hardware Company on architecture design and project management for customers in Public Sector.



SØREN HENRIKSEN

Søren Henriksen is a partner with IBM Business Consulting Services, specialising in SAP implementation and application support services. Søren leads the Nordic SAP practise within Business Consulting Services.



Søren has focused on implementation and management of business change programmes based on SAP solutions since 1995. He has worked on projects ranging from complex Global and European implementations to smaller projects for medium-sized businesses in the Nordics. Søren has supported clients in a number of industries, among these are Consumer Products, Pharmaceutical, Travel and transportation and Industrial Products.

Søren has worked for IBM and its legacy organisations PwC Consulting and Price Waterhouse since 1995 and has been a partner since 2006. He is a Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration and is one of the company's senior and experienced delivery and QA partners.

MARK HUNTER

Executive Chairman, Axon Group plc



Mark Hunter is the founder and Executive Chairman of Axon Group plc. He has over a decade of experience in the IT industry, four years of which he spent as a Senior Manager at SAP (UK) Limited. Mark has led Axon from its foundation in 1994.

Mark has a BSc in Biology and an MSc in Computing and his early career was spent as a Business Analyst at Unilever followed by four years at SAP UK as Head of Pre-Sales.

As well as continuing to develop Axon's service offering, Mark's role includes consulting with executives of major corporations on how they can remove the technology barriers to achieving their business objectives.



SVAN LEMPKE

Svan Lempke is a Vice President at SAP. She drives the Quality Programme for the EMEA wide Field Organisation and is our host for the Quality Awards 2007. The SAP Quality Programme is aimed at helping SAP customers succeed through sharing best practice and useful information, actively managing risks and supporting implementations, and improving the partner-customer-SAP delivery models.



Svan has a PhD in industrial psychology and more than 10 years of experience in the SAP market. This has exposed her to assignments ranging from strategy consulting, change management, industry-specific SAP development and functional consulting, sales and product support. Svan has been at SAP UK since 1998 and previously worked with partner firms across the world. For Svan 'excellence' is a journey. There is no one right way to achieving it, and Svan works within the SAP organisation and beyond to provide the necessary information to help customers make informed decisions.

RICHARD PARKER



Richard is Director of Programmes at the British Quality Foundation (BQF), with a remit to promote Six Sigma Certification, Investors in Excellence (IiE) and the new levels of Excellence recognition programme. Appointed to his current position in 2005, Richard is also a Director of Perfex Training – a joint venture training company. Richard joined the British Quality Foundation (BQF) in 1994 with a remit to help launch the new UK Quality Award and went on to become Director of Awards from 1996 to 2001. In 2002 he was made Director of Partnerships, Joint Ventures and IT and as part of this role, helped form Perfex Training, launched the BQF IiE programme, introduced the BQF Six Sigma Service initiative and replaced the BQF membership and accounting systems.



MIKE SIMONS



Mike Simons is the Editor of ComputerWorld UK, which was launched at the end of February 2007. Prior to launching ComputerWorld UK he worked from 1999 onwards on Computer Weekly and ComputerWeekly.com. He was News editor at the launch of ComputerWeekly.com in 2001 and news editor of a combined Computer Weekly and ComputerWeekly.com operation from 2003, establishing a reputation for delivering hard hitting news on major IT projects. Mike's has written extensively on public sector IT and SAP ERP implementations.

