



The Banking Industry
Architecture Network (BIAN)

Newsletter

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Dear Friends of BIAN,

Another year has passed with incredible speed. Leveraging this community, we have completed and accomplished a lot in the past couple of weeks and months: The publication of first BIAN results in July has been a major milestone. Another important event was the signing of the memorandum of understanding between IFX Forum and BIAN last week. More information about this planned collaboration is included in this issue of our newsletter.

As this year comes to a close, I would like to say thank you for your continued interest in BIAN, the good and valuable cooperation within the various work groups, the interesting discussions and meetings, and overall your commitment. For the upcoming Christmas holidays I would like to wish you a re-creative time with family and friends, and the strength, passion and necessary luck for the New Year 2010.

Looking forward to leveraging the full potential of our collaboration during the course of next year. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues and friends in your company or other interested organizations.

Best regards,

Karin Fischenbeck
Secretary General, BIAN e.V.

1 | BIAN Secretariat and Organisation

IFX FORUM and BIAN sign Memorandum of Understanding

We are pleased to announce that BIAN and IFX Forum are going to enter a closer collaboration. This will benefit not only our members and other constituents by coordinating complimentary activities that align with shared value propositions. This collaboration is also expected to result in major benefits for the banking industry as a whole as it accelerates the creation of joint results.

We look forward to working with IFX Forum, and – jointly with our corresponding teams - initiating a successful and fruitful cooperation.

New BIAN Member
Capital Banking Solutions

Capital Banking Solutions joined BIAN in November 2009. It is the European division dedicated to banking services and solutions of the group Capital Outsourcing, present in Dubai, Paris, and Monaco. Capital Banking Solutions builds up on its Front-Office solutions the experience it gained during the last 25



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About BIAN

BIAN is a 'not for profit' organisation which seeks to accelerate the adoption of Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) in the banking industry by promoting convergence towards a common services landscape and semantic standards which makes it easier and more cost-effective to integrate such services. [more](#)



Becoming a member

BIAN is an open

years in the Banking and Private Management fields within Microtek Group, one of Capital Banking Solutions' shareholders.

We welcome our new member and look forward to a successful cooperation.

Your Feedback is requested!

As BIAN is only as good as the value it provides, we would like to get your view on what has been achieved and what particular benefits you have gained through the community's outputs. Therefore, it is planned to ask you - as an important part of BIAN and our ecosystem - for your feedback at the start of the coming year: How do you assess the results published earlier this year? What are your additional thoughts around the additional value you would like to get from our collaboration?

This will be valuable input to further shape and refine our way forward in the next few months and years.

2 | BIAN next results

BIAN Focus Project "Service Definition & Delivery" is approaching its final phase

After a successful initialization phase in August 2009, the BIAN Focus Project entered the definition phase on September 1, 2009. Within the last three months the dedicated design teams for both domains, Payments and Business Partner, worked on the Level 3 service definitions. Based upon concrete usage scenarios that have been identified in the course of this project and a Level 3 template that has been worked out in close alignment with the Architecture Framework & Foundation Working Group, both teams have realized the first stage of service definitions.

On January 1, 2010 the Focus Project will enter the final review and publication phase. By end of February 2010 the Level 3 service definitions for the domains Payments and Business partner will be available and the project manager, Thilo Liebermann, and the project architect, Guy Rackham, will also outline the additional results within the final project report.

3 | Communication and Marketing

Press Releases

According to the Memorandum of Understanding of IFX and BIAN, a press announcement has been distributed on December 9, 2010.

IFX FORUM AND BIAN SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAKEFIELD, Mass., USA – Dec. 9, 2009 – *The Interactive Financial eXchange (IFX; <http://www.ifxforum.org>) Forum and the Banking Industry Architecture Network (BIAN; <http://www.bian.org>) announced today that the two organizations have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining plans to collaborate in developing and furthering the adoption of standards that enhance interoperability within the banking industry. [...]*

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The BIAN community was also mentioned in a press release launched by SAP:

SAP PRESS RELEASE: SAP® SOLUTIONS FURTHER HELP BANKING INDUSTRY GEAR FOR CLEAR FUTURE "[...] *Playing an active role in the independent association Banking Industry Architecture Network (BIAN) , SAP will provide banks the enterprise services that best fit their needs, because the*

association for the banking industry. Banks, software vendors and service providers are all very welcome to join our association. The membership of banks is particularly appreciated due to their special role in this industry.

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Walldorf (Baden),
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"TradeTech Architecture is the most important event of the year for staying ahead of the latest trends

services are built and designed by peer banks. [...]"

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BIAN Advertorial Banking Technology Supplement, December 2009

The compelling case studies clearly demonstrate how BIAN thinking and results have been adopted. Our utmost thanks to all members who actively contributed to this advertorial:

- Credit Suisse -- Sharing Ideas, Know How, and Resources
- ING -- Better alignment with banking and software partners
- Callataÿ & Wouters -- Help with R&D and Software Implementations
- FERNBACH -- New Strategies for Developing and Managing Products
- SAP -- Reducing Integration Costs
- SunGard -- Making Solutions more Flexible and Cost Efficient
- Temenos -- Streamlining Access to Functionality

The BIAN advertorial to the Banking Technology Supplement will be published in December 2009. Watch for announcements!

External Events

Trade Tech Architecture 2010
February 10 - 11, 2010 in London, Great Britain

Now in its third year, TradeTech Architecture is Europe's largest meeting of CTOs and CIOs from the capital markets. The event brings together more than 300 senior capital markets IT executives, all of whom will be using the event's high level networking and learning opportunities to enhance the capabilities – and cost effectiveness – of their IT organisations. BIAN arranged a partnership for the conference TradeTech Architecture 2010. One of the arrangements is that BIAN Members get a 10% discount if they want to attend the conference. Please contact yvonne.biallas@bian.org to get further information.

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4 | BIAN 6th CoreTeam Meeting at SAP in Walldorf, Germany



Introduction Day
February 2, 2010

6th CoreTeam Meeting
February 3 - 4, 2010

Architecture Committee and
Architecture Working Groups
February 5, 2010

In addition to the 6th CoreTeam Meeting, BIAN has scheduled an introductory day for new participants the day prior to the meeting. As usual the Architecture Committee and the Architecture Working Groups will meet after the CoreTeam Meeting. The meetings, co- sponsored by SAP, will take place at Walldorf, Germany.

Members can still register for this event – participation is free of charge. We are

and strategies in financial markets IT "Gerald Le Donne, CTO, Credit Suisse.

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looking forward to meeting you in February.

5 | Featured Article

BIAN Versus Other Financial Standards

David S. Frankel, Lead Standards Architect, Model Systems, SAP Labs

BIAN is just one of many standards organisations that serve the financial services industry. The following points highlight how BIAN fits into the overall financial standards picture:

- BIAN's service-orientation is distinctive in the financial standards world, where most of the work is message-oriented. Because services use messages, however, there are opportunities for synergy.
- BIAN focuses on application-to-application (A2A) interoperability, versus most other groups that have a business-to-business (B2B) and/or A2A focus. BIAN decided that the first step toward improving agility in the banking industry should be to promote interoperability among banks' internal application components – both those supplied by various vendors and those developed in house.
- BIAN focuses on semantic definitions, helping to balance other industry efforts that have historically focused more on technical specifications. The greatest unmet challenge to interoperability is lack of agreement on semantics, with technical interoperability being a smaller (though vital) component of the overall interoperability equation.
- BIAN plans to participate in the ISO 20022 project. Many standards organisations in the finance sector are using the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 20022 methodology for financial standards and are contributing content to the SWIFTadministered ISO 20022 Financial Repository.
- BIAN is using UML. The Object Management Group's Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a foundational technology that is heavily used in the financial services industry.

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