



## **Press Release** **For Immediate Release**

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## **CIP4 Announces JDF Events at IGAS 2007**

### **JDF Demonstration Pavilion, Conference & Seminars to be Featured**

**6 June 2007, Tokyo, Japan** -- The International Cooperation for the Integration of Processes in Prepress, Press and Postpress (CIP4 Organization) announced today that it will produce a demonstration pavilion with live presentations and other special events featuring the Job Definition Format (JDF) Specification at IGAS 2007. The JDF pavilion, covering a total of 212 square meters, will have three main areas:

- **JDF Solution Zone** – Providing insight on the collaboration work among more than 30 companies with JDF enabled-products participating at IGAS 2007 in the JDF Pavilion and around the show floor. Visitors will be able learn about the compatibility and connectivity of JDF between various MIS systems, operation control systems, pre-press workflows and production management systems.
- **JDF Demonstration Zone** – Featuring 18 individual pods set up with companies from around the world, and presenting the latest in JDF-enabled software, technology and solutions. All with support staff to answer any questions.
- **Automation Education Stage** – Presenting representatives of the CIP4 Organization and many of the companies at IGAS 2007 that provide JDF-enabled solutions who will give short seminars on JDF-enabled process automation. Presentations to include introductions to JDF, updates on JDF Version 1.4 and all the latest JDF news. In addition, case studies from CIPPI Award-winning companies will explain how these printers put

JDF-enabled products to work in their shops.

During IGAS 2007, CIP4 will announce the release of new Interoperability Conformance Specifications, key changes in JDF1.4, and the winners of the 2007 CIP4 International Print Production Innovation (CIPPI) Awards. The CIPPI Awards were first awarded in 2005 and the program is now in its third year. The CIPPI awards were established to recognize leading printers, publishers, or prepress services, who are rigorously screened by a panel of 5 judges in conjunction to the 3 categories listed below:

- Most innovative use of process automation technology in an implementation.
- Best cost/benefit realization as a result of process automation implementation.
- Biggest improvement in efficiency and customer responsiveness as a result of process automation.

CIP4 will also hold seminars and conferences during IGAS2007. The JDF Developers Technical Seminar will feature Rainer Prosi, CIP4's Technical Officer who will present a JDF Tutorial intended for developers of JDF-related products, as well as IT professionals employed by printers. A JDF Executive Management Conference, intended for executives of printing companies and print-related companies, will feature presentations about automation trends and their impact on the future of management in printing industry. Attendees will learn how implementing JDF-enabled production may establish an environmental basis for Corporate Social Responsibility, as well as the infrastructure necessary for developing long-term sustainable manufacturing.

For the convenience IGAS 2007 visitors, a Japanese language CIP4 and JDF website will be launched in June ([www.cip4.jp](http://www.cip4.jp)). In addition, a JDF Roadmap publication featuring JDF information and the booth locations of companies at IGAS 2007 providing JDF-enabled solutions and technology will be distributed to widely to show attendees.

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### **About CIP4**

CIP4 brings together vendors, consultants, and end-users in the print communications, graphic arts industry, and associated sectors, covering a variety of equipment, software, peripherals, and processes. Members participate in focused working groups to define the Job Definition Format (JDF), PrintTalk, and other standards relevant to process automation; to study user requirements; to test product interoperability; and to develop a range of JDF software development tools. Information on CIP4, including membership details, is available from the organization's website: [www.cip4.org](http://www.cip4.org). Or contact: Stefan Daun, Fraunhofer Institute for Computer Graphics, +49 6151 155 575, [secretariat@cip4.org](mailto:secretariat@cip4.org). All content and ideas submitted to the CIP4 user groups and intellectual property rights subsisting therein shall become the exclusive property of CIP4.

### **About JDF**

The Job Definition Format (JDF) is the industry specification designed to facilitate process automation and the integration of different applications and systems in and around the graphic arts industry. JDF also enables the integration of business management and job planning applications into the production workflow. JDF is based on the W3C's Extensible Markup Language (XML), ensuring maximum interoperability between different platforms and ready interaction with Internet systems. More information is available at <http://www.cip4.org/>.

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