

Oracle Scene Issue 17 - And finally column

Since this is my first issue as Deputy Editor of the magazine I would like to take this opportunity to thank the appropriate authorities for electing me to this position.

Appsworld 2004

In January I was fortunate enough to attend and speak at Appsworld in San Diego. As usual there were many interesting presentations, keynotes and demonstrations to attend as well as record attendance. As an Oracle implementation consultant I'm always interested in taking a look at what new features and products are being introduced in to the E-Business Suite. Of particular interest is a product/architecture called Daily Business Intelligence (formerly Daily Business Close) which utilises summarised views of your 9i transactional database to provide management with a holistic picture of what's going on in the organisation. Another interesting product which has just been released is the Oracle Internal Controls Manager, Oracle's answer to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and International Accounting Standards (IAS) enhancements. Hopefully, within the next couple of issues we will have some contributions on these topics.

Those of you who manage to attend any such conferences, or who would like to know about such events, will be interested to know that Oracle has decided to merge Appsworld (which has more of a functional focus) in to their Oracleworld event (which has previously had a rather technical orientation). This means that Oracleworld should be the ideal IT conference to attend for any prospective or existing Oracle users, be they technical or functional. Oracle's first attempt at this merged conference will be Oracleworld San Francisco in December 2004 - should be interesting to attend. Presentations and videos from this latest Appsworld conference as well as historical events can also be downloaded from the following site <http://www.oracle.com/appsworld>

Oracle Magazine – Editors Choice awards

If you managed to get a hold of the November/December 2003 issue of the Oracle Magazine you will have noticed that some of our members and contributors featured in the awards. I would like to take this opportunity to specifically congratulate the following: -

- Ronan Miles - IT Manager of the Year
- Arup Nanda - DBA of the Year
- Mogens Nørgaard - Educator of the Year

A full listing of award winners can be found at <http://otn.oracle.com/oramag/oracle/03-nov/o63editorschoice.html>

Having just read the January/February 2004 issue of the Oracle Magazine it was rather interesting to note that the fact that not a single female was selected for these awards caused quite a stir with the readers – seems girl power has yet to have it's impact in this area. I'll be interested to see who is in the line up next year – my guess is the mix will probably be more politically correct!

Scene Articles

Lastly, we always welcome any articles you may want to write which relate your experiences using and implementing Oracle solutions. In particular, myself and the editorial team are always willing to work with you on any ideas that you may want to impart to the Oracle Scene audience, so get writing!

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