

# Newsletter of the European BPM Round Table

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## Update meeting at BPM 2013

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The [11th edition of the BPM conference](#) took place in Beijing this year. From all over the world, BPM academics and practitioners gathered to share the latest research insights, to showcase new technologies, and initiate new, joint endeavors.

The event was a good opportunity to meet with representatives of the various nodes of the European BPM Round Table. The local conference organiza-



tion was happy to provide us with an appropriately shaped lunch table for the occasion (see pictures). During this session, the groups of Berlin, Eindhoven, Haifa, Innsbruck/Ulm, Potsdam, Tartu, and Trento gave updates of local initiatives. The overall impression is that enterprises are highly interested in these local events and that many activities take place. In this letter, you will read specifically about our Israeli chapter.

Also, we discussed the importance of providing information through the common [website](#) and keeping it up to date. It's the signboard of the BPM community to demonstrate its vitality, relevance, and sheer size to the outside world. The clearer it is how much impact we can make, the better it is for everyone involved. All were asked to look for opportunities to include information on local activities on local pages. Some members also provided feedback on its design (e.g. to include a European map), which will be included in the next update. A new initiative that was announced is the newsletter; you are reading its first edition-right now.

## Spotlight on Israel

By Pnina Soffer

The [Israeli BPM Roundtable](#) was founded in September 2012 by Avigdor Gal and Matthias Weidlich from the Technion, Mor Peleg and Pnina Soffer from the University of Haifa, and Mati Golani from Ort Braude College.

We have formed a list of participants which includes around 50 people, mostly from industry (20 different organizations). The aim was to have 3-4 meetings of the forum a year, each meeting devoted to a specific topic, including 1-2 presentations and an emphasis on discus-

sion. Three meetings were held so far, two hosted by the University of Haifa, and one hosted by Amdocs. The fourth meeting, which is already announced, will be hosted by IBM Haifa. We will give you an idea of these meetings in this newsletter.

## Spotlight on Israel (continued)



Watch the European BPM Round Table movie at [YouTube](#)

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The first meeting was devoted to process mining, with two presentations. An “academic” talk intended to introduce process mining ideas and capabilities was given by Matthias Weidlich. An “industrial” talk, introducing Disco and sharing experience of adoption attempts, was given by Dafna Levi of Nool. As most of the participants were not familiar with process mining prior to this meeting, discussion was mainly about potential applications and about gaps between organizational reality and process mining capabilities. The second meeting was devoted to BPM implementation issues. Ziv Nact from Tangram Soft presented a BPMS implementation roadmap accompanied by many customer stories, and Nessi Outmazgin presented a study about workarounds in business processes, characterizing situations where these are performed and backed by process mining analysis. The discussion addressed difficulties in

organizational adoption of BPM, and experiences of the participants in industrial projects. The third meeting was devoted to “Big Data” in relation to business processes. Johnny Ghattas presented the Big Data value in general, explaining why there is so much hype around it from a value perspective in different industries. A broad definition for the Big Data paradigm was provided, followed by a snapshot of current technologies, and an ITIL-based process for

Big-Data initiatives identification and formation. The discussion followed the talk, addressing the value and difficulties of Big Data. The fourth meeting will be devoted to case management and artifact-centric BPM. We plan to continue the roundtable meetings and attempt to reach a broader circle of participants. Topics planned for future meetings include Complex Event processing in BPM, and BP modeling in industry.



## New session of the European BPM Round Table

After the successful [first session](#) of the European BPM Round Table in Eindhoven, we are happy that a second is being planned. The date picked for it is May 15, 2014. This edition will take place in Liechtenstein and is organized by Jan Vom Brocke, Nadine Reuter, and Theresa Schmiedel from the [Institute of Information Systems](#)

at the University of Liechtenstein. The theme of the event is “Business Process Management – Driving Innovation in a Digital World”. The organizers are currently finalizing the program, which will include keynotes, scientific presentations from European BPM Round Table members, and other activities. Stay tuned for more info!



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