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## EDITOR'S NOTE

### IT'S ALL ABOUT PROCESS

This issue is all about the process of setting standards. Not the game playing, not the business significance of standards, or any of the other things that the business and technical press typically cover, but what it takes to actually create good standards in a consensus environment.

In our editorial, we note that process gets little attention outside of the circle of professionals that run it. Worse, non-professionals have little opportunity to learn what it's about, whether in school or on the job. Something could (and should) be done to plug the gap.

In our Feature Article, we take a first step in that direction by providing a primer on how to set up the standard setting process of a new organization, from concept to deployment.

Our Trends article this month is an interview with the directors of standards of three very successful standards organizations. Each of these experts shares his thoughts on what's working in the standard setting process today, what's not, and what can be done about it.

Finally, in our Standards Blog entry for this month, we report on the fact that there seems to be a forum, and a standard, for any purpose you could imagine (and many that you couldn't).

As always, we hope you enjoy this issue. And if you do enjoy this **free** issue, don't forget to Buy Your Books From Biff [www.consortiuminfo.org/books](http://www.consortiuminfo.org/books). Whether you're looking for a technical book actually listed on our site, or simply use the Amazon link that you'll find at Biff's to buy anything else that Amazon sells, you'll be helping support this journal and ConsortiumInfo.org.

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