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EDITOR'S NOTE

LOOKING BACKWARDS (FOR A CHANGE)

In this issue we once again look back on a year of rich and varied news about standards and standard setting.

In our Editorial, we try and place that news in a broader context than merely the creation of dry specifications, noting not only the international and commercial forces at work, but also the broader social and economic implications of this important process.

In our Feature Article, we share what we believe were the most important areas of news as well as the specific stories that had the greatest significance for business, the international scene, security and our everyday lives.

In our Trends Article, we look at the news of the year in a different form, presenting a daily diary of the top news stories as they developed throughout the year.

Our next piece is a first for the Consortium Standards Journal – a recognition of those standards organizations that we believe consistently generated the most important news, and the media that provided the best coverage of it.

And finally, in the Standards Blog, we reflect on the differences between standards and conventions, and our ability (and sometimes inability) to tell the difference between the two.

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**. Whether you're looking for a technical book 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.

Best regards,

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