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## **SAP Enterprise Services Community Workshop**

### ***Sensor Networks - Paving the Road to Real Business Applications***

*10:00 – 17:00, Friday, 08-December-2006, Room “Philadelphia”, 6th Floor, Building 1,  
SAP AG Headquarters, Dietmar-Hopp Allee 16, 69190 Walldorf, Germany.*

Wireless Sensor Networks have become a hot issue in research, and significant progress has been achieved in the past few years. Recently, the topic has gained lot of momentum and has become increasingly attractive for industry paving the way for new innovative applications of sensor networks which go well beyond traditional ones. Sensor Networks are seen as one of the most promising technologies that will bridge the physical and virtual worlds enabling them to interact. Expectations go beyond the research visions, towards deployment of them in real-world applications that would empower business processes and future business cases. However, there is still a long way to go if these efforts are to leave the labs and transform themselves from high-tech toys to innovative real world problem solvers. With this technology we are able to tackle old problems in a new way and deliver solutions that were not possible before.

This workshop will be an effort to try tackling all these questions. Key people coming from academia and business, such as hardware manufacturers, application developers, infrastructure managers, service providers, telecom operators and leading edge scientists will have the opportunity to meet and present their views, compare different technical and commercial approaches, share visions, debate on pros and cons of the respective approach. And, maybe even find a consensus on the short/mid term roadmap identifying the challenges to be addressed in that timeframe and the real business opportunities that lie ahead.

There are still many questions to be answered and within the SAP Enterprise Services Community (ESC – <http://esc.sap.com>) our aim is to build a steady basis and focus towards realizing this goal. During 2006 several workshops have been held on both sides of the Atlantic in order to strengthen SAP's newly established Enterprise Service Community for SensorNets program. These workshops are part of our concerted efforts to create a long-term platform in the United States and in Europe for SAP customers and partners to define their needs and work together towards better supporting their business future.

***Interested? Register via email to J. Paquette the latest by 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2006.***

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