Spring Conference and Vendor Day Meeting  
Friday April 21, 2017  
To be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell. All are welcome and Wi-Fi is available.  

The first Connecticut Computer Measurement Group conference for the year is slated for Friday, April 21st. This Spring Meeting brings back our popular Vendor Day format, to which we invite many software and hardware companies to exhibit their offerings. Coffee and refreshments are served in the Vendor Hall, and a little more time is permitted between sessions for you to investigate their services. Fees earned on Vendor Day help us to keep our admission prices low during the rest of the year, as well. We have a really outstanding program this year. Please consider attending.

Our spring vendor day conference is made possible with the help of our participating vendors. This year the following vendors will be exhibiting and providing information on their products and services:

IBM ♦ Teamquest ♦ BMC ♦ Mainline

We will again utilize an e-mail registration. Pre-registration fee is $35.00, which includes lunch.

To pre-register, simply e-mail your intention to attend to ccmgboard@gmail.com no later than April 18, 2017 and then pay at the door. (Note: If you received this document from a CCMG email, then simply reply now to this email with your request to preregister.)

On-site registration fee is $45.00. Please note that if you have a PayPal account you can now pre-register there by selecting the Send Money button, inserting ctcmg@yahoo.com in the “To” box, and choosing the Purchase/Services option.

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**8:45 – Track 1**

**Business Runs on IT – How Efficient is IT? – Jeff Schultz, TeamQuest**

As capacity planning and management practices evolve, it is important for service owners and performance analysts to quickly identify unhealthy systems and systems at-risk of becoming unhealthy. However, it does no good to have perfect health and no risk if you’re throwing away money on underutilized systems. In this session:

- Learn how to ensure that your systems aren’t just healthy, but cost-efficient as well.
- Always know what systems are over-utilized (warning – outage possible) and under-utilized (warning – waste happening) to fully optimize the delivery of your services.
- Put IT services in a clear business context to enable IT leaders to spend less time putting out routine fires and more time creating additional value, giving their staff the flexibility they need to fully apply their expertise.

**Jeff Schultz** is a product specialist who has answered questions for customers and ‘tire kickers’ for more than 20 years. He boasts a background in helping IT organizations get up to speed on capacity planning and performance management objectives for their IT environments.

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**8:45 – Track 2**

**Maximizing IT Availability & Performance in the New, Agile World of Hybrid IT – Manpreet Singh, BMC**

This will present common problems that large enterprise IT organizations are facing in this area and discuss BMC’s view on how enterprises should approach developing strategies for performance monitoring, event management, and managing availability in “the new world of IT”. This will stress (among other things) complete visibility of the environment regardless of where applications reside - on premises, private cloud, public cloud.

**Manpreet Singh** has been with BMC for 3 years. During that time he has specialized in Performance and Analytics solutions helping IT Operations teams manage application and infrastructure in their data centers and in the cloud. He has worked with customers ranging from Financial, Pharmaceuticals, Insurance, Retail, Telecommunication, State Government, etc. Prior to that, he worked for one of the largest banks in the world supporting IT Operations. His past experience with IT Operations helps him relate to customers better. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Computer Information Systems from Rutgers University.
WLM Velocity Goals in the Year 2017 – Peter Enrico, Enterprise Performance Strategies
 Velocity goals have been around since the inception of the z/OS Workload Manager. Velocity is the goal that is assigned to longer running work when that work needs to make progress and there is no short response time objective. Unfortunately, achieving velocity goals are so heavily dependent on a variety of processor related factors such as capacity of the processor, number of processors, HiperDispatch, capping, defined capacity maximums, weight enforcement, specialty engines, SMT, and so much more. During this session Peter Enrico will explain velocity goals and the latest influences in the modern day era.

Peter Enrico is the President of Enterprise Performance Strategies, Inc., a mainframe consulting, education and software company that he founded in 2000. He is a well-known and effective lecturer and seminar instructor, who teaches on a wide array of topics including Workload Manager, WebSphere for z/OS, basic MVS performance, Parallel Sysplex, UNIX System Services, and much more. He is the lead designer and developer of Pivotor®, a web based z/OS SMF performance data mining, reporting, and analysis solution. He was CMG’s 2014 Mullen award winner for his z-Series measurement presentation.

Cyber Security in Enterprise Networks – John Corliss, Department of Homeland Security
 In a world with cyber breaches occurring on a daily basis, a handful of actions may be taken to help minimize the cyber risk to any organization. The five functions of the NIST cyber framework will be used to elaborate on key challenge factors present in the 21st century workspace.

John Corliss is a computer scientist with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Protection and Programs Directorate. John has been supporting national cyber security programs for over ten years and has been involved in national defense programs for nearly 14 years. In addition to building and leading teams dedicated to improving cyber security on a national level, John continually works to increase awareness of the many aspects of daily life directly impacted by cyber security and the myriad technologies available to increase cyber security throughout our society.

Information Technology: The Next Fifty Years – Irwin Kraus, Hitachi Data Systems
 Software defined datacenter. Hyperconverged infrastructure. Containers. Big data. Cloud. Internet of Things. These are some of the trends and technologies sweeping our industry. Where did we come from and how did we get here? This presentation will provide historical context and describe the how and why of these developments. We will explore the economic and technology drivers and attempt to separate reality from the marketing chaff.

Irwin Kraus is a Principal Technical Consultant with Hitachi Data Systems and is nearing his first 50 years in IT. Irwin has worked in large IT environments including the United States Marine Corps and a series of vendors including Amdahl, EMC, and Hitachi.

Modern Performance Dysfunctions – Mark Tomlinson, Paypal
 In this session I’ll be sharing a review of recent experiences in performance engineering dysfunctions. Systemic mistakes, common blunders and lazy habits. These are shared in stories from testers who have changed their
performance ways, started integrating performance into all aspects of their work. We'll cover new architectures, new tools, new problems, stupid human tricks and a review of a few classic stories from PerfBytes News of The Damned examples. ** Editor’s note: This presentation earned the Mullen Award.

Mark Tomlinson won the prestigious Mullen Award at last year’s imPACt conference for the presentation he’s bringing to us this month. He also drives the conversations at @PerfBytes (www.perfbytes.com) with the objective of “Helping IT Professionals to Improve Performance Practices”. By day, he is a performance analyst for Paypal.

2:25 – Combined Track

**z/OS GDPS Active/Active Overview – Ellis Holman, IBM**
IBM’s Geographically Dispersed Parallel Sysplex – (GDPS®) active/active continuous availability solution is designed to provide near-continuous data and systems availability across sites separated by virtually unlimited distances. Join us for an overview of how GDPS active/active is structured. This session is intended to help you plan and implement a solution for your enterprise.

Ellis Holman is an Open Group certified infrastructure architect with IBM’s z System Software Group. He specializes in availability, performance, architecture, and security. He has Ph.Ds in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. Mr. Holman has worked with many clients in local, state, and federal government, manufacturing, insurance, pharmaceutical industries, and educational institutions performing availability, network design and planning, tuning, migration, and security engagements.

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