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Birds of a Feather at the MVP Summit

I always feel invigorated or should I say jazzed when I talk with MVPs since they have so much passion for their work and serving communities. You saw this in my interview with [Arthur Entlich](#). They also bring a special deep insight into technologies, services, and processes—in fact this is one of the reasons they are MVPs. There's that motto: behind every great event or person, there's the underlying support network. With technical communities and so much more—you have MVPs spending millions of hours collectively to support others; enhancing the "user experience."

I thought I would share this news release about the Global MVP Summit. Graham, who you see blogging here regularly will be there. :)

Cheers,
Stephen Ibaraki

Microsoft Recognizes Most Valuable Professionals (MVPs) at 2007 MVP Global Summit

Gathering acknowledges the technical community contributions of more than 3,500 individuals

REDMOND, Wash. —Feb. 20, 2007 — In the wake of the largest product launch in the company's history, Windows Vista, 2007 Office system and Exchange Server 2007, Microsoft Corp. will host the 2007 MVP Global Summit. This annual event recognizes the value that Microsoft designated MVPs around the world provide in helping to make its products successful while honoring their contributions to the objective exchange of knowledge and their dedication to enriching the Microsoft user experience.

MVPs are individuals recognized by Microsoft as outstanding technical community leaders who make an exceptional impact on the IT industry by actively, and voluntarily, sharing their expertise in technical communities worldwide. Recent examples of the MVP influence on Microsoft's products and technology users include:

- More than 2000 MVPs participated in the Windows Vista beta program
- On average, a newsgroup posting by an MVP will receive more than 43,000 views
- In 2006, the MVP community contributed more than 300 Knowledge Base (KB) articles in 7 languages across all Microsoft products.

"Every year, the MVP Award program continues to evolve to reflect the diversity in today's technical communities," said Sean O'Driscoll, general manager of Community Support and MVP, Microsoft. "This year is no different. The MVPs serve as an inspiration, sharing their expertise and passion for technology communities with an unyielding drive to help others." Scheduled for March 12 – 15, the 2007 MVP Global Summit will be held in Seattle, WA at the Washington State Convention Center and at Microsoft's headquarters in Redmond, WA. The event will kick off with a keynote address by Microsoft Chairman, Bill Gates. More information can be found at <http://mvp.support.microsoft.com/MVPsummit>.

About the Microsoft MVP Program

Microsoft began the MVP Awards in 1993 as a way to recognize members of the general public who devoted their time and technical expertise to helping users in various online technical forums. Over time the program evolved, and today awards are given to members of technical communities worldwide for their contributions to traditional communities (such as public newsgroups, forums, third-party websites, user groups, book authors, event speakers) and emerging forums (such as web boards, blogs, and wikis). More information about the MVP Award and the 2007 MVPs can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/mvp>. More information on Microsoft technical communities can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/communities>.

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Hey Stephen, I know I'm looking forward to seeing you in Redmond at this year's summit. It promises to be the best summit ever and we here at the MVP team are working hard to get ready for the arrival of so many community leaders from around the world.

Thanks for your post

Sean O'Driscoll

GM, Support Communities and MVP

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Stephen Ibaraki, FCIPS, ISP, sibaraki@clar.ca said:

Sean, considering your so very busy schedule, it's good to see you in this forum. I know Graham and I are looking forward to working with the whole MVP support team plus all the MVPs from around the world. This event is unique on the planet-where else do you get all this tremendous energy, talent and commitment to community support and spirit in one place :-).

We appreciate the time and effort in supporting this program...

Thank you kindly.

Cheers,

Stephen Ibaraki

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