



CULMINIS CANADA LEADER UPDATE

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this update is to provide our Culminis Canada User Group Leaders with some timely information. We hope that you find this information useful and that it helps you to improve your leadership skills, abilities and, in some cases, your knowledge of the technologies you depend on as a leader. This update will also contain important information about Culminis as well as any upcoming events in which you may be interested.

To help us create new programs and be able to better serve your needs and those of your members, we are requesting that you send your suggestions, ideas, and questions to info@culminis.com. Each contribution will be taken into account to help us establish the services that will help both you and your members increase your experiences and elevate your status as IT Professionals.

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ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

HOST YOUR OWN COMMUNITY LAUNCH 2007 EVENT

Microsoft is offering packaged presentations to your group to help kickoff the new product Launches. Culminis has sent every Leader a request to register to participate in this program and we look forward to your early involvement. We have received hundreds of responses to far.

- ◆ Select an individual from your user group to become part of the Community Launch Team (CLT). As CLT members, the selected individual(s) will be responsible for planning and managing a Microsoft Launch event for your group after receiving training and content from Microsoft.

Details about training topics, schedules and event content will be provided at a later date.

As a User Group Lead, this is your chance to provide a great opportunity to key volunteers or future leaders and speakers in your group.

Register by simply clicking <http://register.communitylaunch.com/>.

Registration will end when the maximum number of applicants (2 per group) have been accepted. Once you submit your enrollment request Microsoft will be coordinating with their regional subsidiaries and Culminis to verify your eligibility. If accepted, you will receive your unique login and password to the exclusive CLT site approximately one week after submitting your enrollment request.

Please note that the CLT website and content will be hosted in English only.

If you have any further questions about the Community Launch Team, please contact clt06@microsoft.com

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GET A FREE WEBSITE

In an effort to help foster collaboration among IT Pros, Culminis offers Member Organizations a free password protected SharePoint site to use as a members-only portal. However, several user group leaders have asked if they can have a site that is also accessible to the public. In response to this feedback, Culminis now provides Member Organizations the option of one or both public Sharepoint website and/or a members-only site at no cost. Each portal includes:

- ◆ 100MB of space
- ◆ Unlimited number of users
- ◆ Self-registration code to allow members to create their own user accounts
- ◆ Shared and personal views
- ◆ Ability to customize using FrontPage

If you are interested in taking advantage of this membership benefit, please send a request to your Community Manager.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

WEBCASTS AVAILABLE

TechNet Webcasts get you "How-To" technical training from a host of Microsoft and industry experts. Attend a live or on-demand webcast from your office. TechNet Webcasts feature interactive presentations, product demos and Q&A sessions. Multiple new live webcasts are offered every day, and all content is available on demand. They are also featuring interviews with User Group Leaders. Check out a TechNet Webcast today at: <http://www.microsoft.com/events/itpro.msp>. If you'd be interested in participating in a webcast please let us know.

For a registration-free way of sampling the Best of the Webcasts, see <http://livestream.worktankseattle.com/bestof/technet/0606/>

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WINDOWS CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE

Now in its seventh year, Windows Connections returns to Las Vegas. Come join us for the latest and greatest information on Windows 2003 Server, Windows 2000 Server, and Windows XP Professional! [Register](#) online today.

November 6-9, 2006
Mandalay Bay Resort
Las Vegas, NV

All Culminis ALLIANCE leaders, members and their friends receive a discount of \$100 off the ticket price if they use code CUL102.

[Register](#) by September 18, 2006 and save an additional \$100.

Meet the Windows Experts, attend troubleshooting workshops (special registration required) and visit the booths. <http://www.devconnections.com/shows/WinFall2006/default.asp?s=87>

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ADVERTISING AND MARKETING

NEW GLOBAL EVENT CALENDAR

Culminis provides a global/regional event calendar for every IT Professional. In order to promote your own public community events (monthly, yearly etc.) you may send us a short description with a link to your website and we will ensure you can use our global presence to attract attention to your event.

Share this link with your members today: <http://new.culminisconnections.com/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

ABOUT O'REILLY USER GROUP PROGRAM



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- UG member discount on all O'Reilly books and conferences
- Bi-weekly newsletter

- O'Reilly speakers

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUPPORT

YOUR STORY

Let us know what you have done for the community outside your user group and it can be published here and/or in the monthly newsletter.

We here at Culminis are focused on Community Outreach. If your user group is sponsoring or participating in a community effort program please take the time to let us know about it. We would like to spotlight your efforts for the rest of the ALLIANCE members. Just follow the links below to provide us with your program information.

Click [here](#) to submit your story.

Want to see what some of the other Culminis groups are doing? Follow the link below to view Community Outreach programs that other Culminis ALLIANCE members have put in place.

Click [here](#) to [view](#) other submissions.

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LEADER HIGHLIGHT

Culminis would like to add our congratulations to those of other IT Pros from around the world to Stephen Ibaraki for the recognition he received this year for years of devotion to the IT profession. He was elected as Vice-President of the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS) and will automatically become CIPS President next year. He was also formally inducted as a CIPS Fellow at the CIPS national board meetings and the CIPS Awards dinner.

Awarded "only to outstanding leaders and people of influence within the IT Community" and "granted only to a select number of individuals from the IT community—those who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Information Technology", Fellows can be of any nationality or residency. Fellows are amongst a select group of elite professionals specially selected and will collectively influence matters of professionalism, the labour market, initiatives in education, public policy and the government, the future of IT, business, and the industry as a whole.

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