



Context and Protocol for the *SimSummit* Forum on the Future of the Modeling and Simulation Profession, Industry and Marketplace

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SimSummit is an occasional forum – kept relatively informal by mutual agreement - of organizations with broad interest in M&S technology, professional development, industry and market.

Organizational membership includes Government, Commercial, Academic and Professional organizations and members are expected to conform to established membership criteria. Membership is initiated by an official expression of interest by the applicant organization indicating its role in the M&S community-of-practice and its interest in participating in the *SimSummit* forum. Acceptance of the organization as a member of the forum is by consensus of existing member organizations as determined by the Executive Committee.

Meetings or activities host one representative from each participating organization. Each meeting event has a particular focus and is structured in accordance with the wishes of the Member organizations to produce the best possible collective effect. There are no fees except where an event engenders costs that need to be defrayed by a documented 'conference fee'.

The role of the *SimSummit* organization member representative is to speak with authority on behalf of the participating organization respecting organizational needs, interests, initiative, and accomplishments in the evolution of the M&S community of practice.

The particular virtue of the *SimSummit* forum is to 'find' the very considerable degree of common interest that exists even among relatively disparate organizations from Government, Industry, Professional Societies and Academia. The objective of the SimSummit forum is no less than to significantly advance the evolution of the modeling and simulation, profession, industry, and market.