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Hi, Ellen -

Happy spring to our northern hemisphere colleagues, and happy fall to our southern ones!

In this eNewsletter, I share numerous resources and announcements. Learn about two upcoming free webinars, get an update on the book Mary Gorman and I are co-authoring, find requirements tips for data-centric projects, and read about our newest course offering.

I hope you can join us for the free webinars.

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Mary Gorman Free Webinar: Lessons from a Business Analysis Mentor

There is still time to register for Mary's free webinar, "Sharing the Secret Sauce: Lessons from a Business Analysis Mentor" to be held Thursday, May 26, at 11:00 AM EST. You won't want to miss this webinar.

Mary has deep experience in business analysis, requirements development and management, and agile requirements in a variety of businesses and project types. In addition to serving on the IIBA® *Business Analysis Body of Knowledge*® Committee for four years, Mary helped create the first certification exam for the Certified Business Analysis Professional™ (CBAP®). And, she was instrumental in enabling the *BABoK* to transition to release 2.0.

You'll find her webinar chockfull of practical wisdom. Sign up here.

Ellen Gottesdiener Free Webinar: Nonfunctional Requirements

Nonfunctional requirements are essential to build the right product, right. Yet analysts, developers, and business customers often struggle with when and how to identify and specify nonfunctional requirements. This fast-paced webinar will include a survey of techniques for eliciting and defining nonfunctional requirements.

Join me on Thursday, June 2nd at 12:00 PM EST. This webinar is sponsored by the IIBA. Sign up here.

New Book: Update

Mary Gorman and I are deep into the iterative and incremental process of writing a book. Our topic: requirements discovery and analysis using agile-lean practices.

We've received helpful feedback from our reviewers in our first two releases. As a form of demonstrating the book's contents we created a workshop that incorporates the key elements of the book.

We were thrilled the workshop proposal has been accepted into the Agile 2011 Conference. Here's our YouTube video that highlights our The Product Partnership workshop.

New Training Course: *Acceptance Testing: Elicit and Validate Requirements*

Imagine using a practice that enables you to collaborate with stakeholders to concurrently elicit ***and*** validate requirements. That's the power of acceptances tests.

Our newest course, Acceptance Testing: Elicit and Validate Requirements for Success, teaches you how to specify acceptance tests so you can streamline your business analysis practices, discover missing and erroneous requirements, and specify requirements in a way that makes them verifiable by the delivery team.

This course is endorsed by the International Institute of Business Analysis (**IIBA**®) and aligns with the IIBA's *Business Analysis Body of Knowledge* (**BABOK**®) applicable tasks and techniques. You'll earn 7 **PDs** (Professional Development hours) for initial certification or 7 **CDUs** (Continuing Development Units) by attending this course.

Requirements Tips for Data Centric Projects

Business Intelligence. Data Warehouse. Ad hoc queries. Decision support. Extract-Transform-Load. Operational and transactional data sources. Star schema. Snowflake schema. Are you conversant with these terms and phrases about data-centric projects?

Sue Burk shares essential ways to improve your success with data-centric projects by exploring how business people use the data to make decisions. Read on to learn more.

Upcoming Events

1. Sue Burk presents two full-day workshops on business rules and acceptance testing at ProjectWorld/ BusinessAnalyst World in Toronto, Canada this week, May 16-19, 2011.

2. Ellen Gottesdiener presents at the Path to Agility conference and participates on the BA/QA panel in Columbus, Ohio on May 26, 2011.

3. Mary Gorman delivers "Sharing the Secret Sauce: Lessons from a Business Analysis Mentor" in a free ITMPI webinar on May 26, 2011.

4. Ellen presents a webinar on "Nonfunctional Requirements" to the global IIBA community on June 1, 2011. (Registration link will be provided in forthcoming eNewsletters, so save the date!).

5. Ellen chairs and presents the two-day Business Analysis and Requirements Workshop at this year's Better Software/Agile Development Practices Conference in Las Vegas on June 6-7, 2011.

6. Ellen Gottesdiener presents at the New Jersey IIBA Chapter on exploring and evaluating product requirements using agile practices in Jersey City on June 14, 2011.

7. Ellen and Mary deliver Agile Requirements training, sponsored by Diaz & Hilterscheid in Berlin, Germany on June 21-23, 2011.

8. Ellen and Mary deliver Agile Requirements training, sponsored by Cejeka ICT Diensten, in Brussels, Belgium on June 27-28, 2011.

9. Between the two of them, Ellen and Mary present three different workshops at Agile 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah August 8-11, 2011.

Requirements Foundations Training at Your Own Pace (and earn PDs and CDUs)

EBG Consulting's 8-course curriculum earns you **24 PDs** (Professional Development hours) or **24 CDUs** (Continuing Development Units) with the IIBA. Because this training is also aligned to the PMBoK®, it also qualifies for PDUs with the PMI.

If you're working to obtain your CBAP© and CCBA™, are transitioning to business analysis or seeking knowledge and assets to enhance your work, EBG's content rich, engaging eLearning is for you.

Be sure to use code **FRSWR04** to receive your *Success with Requirements* 10% discount. Learn more about this 8-course eLearning *Foundation for Requirements* curriculum in this video tour.

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