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SEPG – 2007 Overview

- **Held in Austin, Texas**
  - Good Tex-Mex
  - Bats, Music & Beer
- **Theme: Transforming Performance**
- **Tracts (I attended sessions marked *in Italic*, *blue font* with an *)**
  - Acquisitions
  - *Agile**
  - Appraisals
  - *Benefits and Impact**
  - *Deployment & Adoption**
  - Domains
  - *Getting Started**
  - *High Maturity**
  - *Measurement and Analysis**
  - *Models, Frameworks, Technologies and Standards **
  - *Organization & Business Matters**
  - *People**
  - Security
  - *Services**
  - *Small Settings**
  - *Specific Processes**
  - Systems
- **Performance Benchmarking Consortium**

Differences between 2002 & 2007

Topic	2002	2007
Agile & CMMI	Agile vs. CMMI Vigorous Debates	Agile & CMMI Numerous discussion about how they can be implemented together
Services	N/A	Service CMMI, ITIL and other models
Watts Humphrey	Team Software Process	Team Software Process
CMM & CMMI	CMM v1.1, CMM v2.0 & CMMI v1.1 Discussions on transition to CMMI	CMMI v1.2
Measurement	Some	Many more presentations
Introspective Perspective	Then vs. now "What would I do differently if I wrote the SEPG Guide Today" "What the authors Intended at Levels 4 and 5"	N/A

I sensed a changing of the Guard - fewer old faces and more newer individuals presenting.

♦ The Best Rated Authors from the last SEPG Conference get to select a topic of their own desire - two excellent examples:

– ***20 Questions: A Diabolical CMMI Quiz; Patrick O'Toole, Process Assessment Consulting & Training***

So you think you know the CMMI? Then match wits with the "engagement-by-engagement" facilitator as 20 increasing diabolical questions are presented. Example: At the top of my son's math homework, it says, "Please show all work." which CMMI PA best describes the teacher's reason for including that statement?

– ***A Modest (Tongue-in-Cheek) Process Area Proposal: Blame Allocation; Judah Mogilensky, Process Enhancement Partners***

- Specific Goal 1: "Prepare for Blame Allocation"
- Specific Goal 2: Perform Blame Allocation"
- Specific Goal 3: "Hand Down Consequences"
- Overview of Generic Practices

Take Away: Implement the CMMI carefully and use your own knowledge and experience to "get it right" or as Patrick O'Toole says "with your brain turned"