



## **A Report by QAGUILD -Software and Systems Quality Conference, September 29-30**

Software and Systems Quality Conference, September 29-30, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London. This conference programme was hosted by SQS head quartered in Germany. SQS is the global leader in independent software testing and quality management services. SQS is Europe's premier software testing conference admired and attended by a large crowd. The main theme of this year's conference was 'Never too busy -Role of Testing in Improving Productivity'.

The programme was a grand success and all credit due to SQS. Programme chair Bob Bartlett from SQS, warmly welcomed the delegates and opened the programme by introducing keynote speakers. This year's program was attended by more than 500 delegates. SQS showcased around 30 exhibitors. Julie Wells, programme organiser, talking to QAGUILD representative, said "We have put our best effort to make the programme a grand success. Our team has given attention to all the minor details of all the arrangements for the entire programme and I am happy that it is all going well on a sunny day".

The program was fully packed with presentations on advanced topics with practitioner and Management tracks running in parallel. Tracks included

1. Agile Quality Management- Axiom or Oxymoron?
2. Implementing an Agile culture
3. A thinking framework for context- Driven Test Documentation
4. Running a centralised performance testing service in an Ecommerce world
5. Test organisations and trends
6. Security and performance
7. ISO 29119 - The new International software testing standard.
8. SAP user group sessions

SQS was well focussed around quality best practices, advanced topics and standards.

UK based Grid-tools a leading test data management solution provider, Facilita, a leading performance testing solution provider, Microsoft -Team Systems and Site Confidence stalls were attracting many people because of their unique value propositions.

Zensar a leading testing service provider in Oracle-ERP systems, Birla- soft, Cognizant, TSG, Sogeti and SDLC were leading service providers who exhibited their offerings.

Unique attraction of the programme was 'Lion's Den'. Exhibitors were provided with 5 minute opportunity during lunch break to present their Testing Big Idea to a panel of judges. The competition was won by Huw -Price Grid-tools. Winner Grid-Tools received £500 donation which was donated to Sujnana Trust (Trust dedicated for providing education for poor children), which is run by InvenTest.

Overall the entire programme was outstanding and SQS is proactively contributing the knowledge, empowering the tester community and providing overall leadership in bringing out the best solutions, innovations and practices.

### **About SQS:**

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