

Challenges and Issues in Global ERP Implementation

Speaker: Mark Jordan
Date and Time: Friday, April 10, 2009
12:00 noon to 1:30 pm
Place: 199 Toomey Hall

Mr. Mark Jordan, Vice President of Information Technology at Monsanto, holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and earned his MBA from Cranfield School of Management, Bedfordshire, England. Mr. Jordan has over 15 years industry experience and has held multiple leadership roles of increasing responsibility within the Monsanto Information Technology organization. Prior to his current role as Global Vegetable IT Lead, Mr. Jordan was Director of Enterprise Application Services and Global ERP and spent the last four years expanding Monsanto's single instance of SAP in support of worldwide business operations. Previous to that, Mr. Jordan was on assignment in Europe as the IT Lead for Monsanto's Northern European division, along with an assignment in Belgium as IT Lead for the Monsanto European Crop Research Center. Additionally, Mark Jordan is a veteran of the US Army and served in the United States, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.

Mr. Jordan's major accomplishments include:

- Delivered integration strategy for Monsanto ERP systems worldwide, including migrations to a single, centralized SAP instance.
- Responsible for multiple global SAP implementation projects including Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, and the Asia-Pacific.
- Delivered key SAP projects in support of the Monsanto People Strategy including: Online Manager & Employee Self Service, Online Performance Management, Online Incentive Planning, and Online Succession Planning.

Mr. Jordan will share Monsanto's experience in Global ERP implementation including:

- History and evolution of Monsanto's Global ERP implementation
- Challenges and complexities of multi-national ERP projects
- Competitive advantages and business values gained from global ERP Implementation
- Monsanto's future global ERP initiatives

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