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**The ITMF Award: Open Systems Publications
Presents Awards for Outstanding Achievements in IT Management**

On March 22, at the 15th IT Management Forum (ITMF 2018), the **ITMF Award** ceremony took place to **mark outstanding achievements in promoting advanced IT Management techniques and best practices**. The Award has been established by Open Systems Publications.

«For 15 years now, all aspects of IT management in global and Russian business alike are highlighted at the event, which since 2012 bears the IT Management Forum (ITMF) name. Throughout this entire period, leading experts and practitioners have been helping us analyze the IT management market, promote achievements of businesses, as well as shape and educate the IT manager community, thus facilitating the growth of our forum,» said Pavel Khristov, Director of IT Focus Area, Open Systems Publications. «Recently, we had another landmark date, the 25th anniversary of our publishing house, and to celebrate both of the occasions, we made the decision to mark the contribution of our partners both to the establishment of the Russian IT management industry and to the creation of the ITMF platform.»

«Beyond any doubt, the forum wouldn't have become the landmark event for IT management professionals if it today had we not been receiving real help from truly enthusiastic people sharing their professionalism, deep knowledge, and rich experience to move the industry ahead,» said Natalya Dubova, Agenda Leader, ITMF. *„The ITMF Award is the acknowledgment of our sincere gratitude to and respect for the true evangelists of IT management,“* she added.

The winners of the ITMF Award 2018 are:

Marina Anshina

Board chairman of the Russian Union of CIO, president of the Foundation for Supporting Systems Design, Modeling, and Project Management (FOSTAS)

for being

The permanent leader of the movement to foster professional development of IT management in Russia

Maksim Grigoriev

Supervisor of the Digital Transformation Department at MACS (Moscow Advanced Communication School), chairman of itSMF Russia (2013), Board Member of itSMF Russia (2014)

for being

The long-time efficient leader of the professional ITSM community

Michael Dobner

CEO, Omninet Russia and CIS

for being

The active champion of best global IT management practices in the Russian professional community

Roman Zhuravlov

ITSM Portfolio Development Manager, Axelos

for being

The unrelenting advocate of best IT service management practices

Mikhail Pototsky

Head of Moscow Directorate at the Information City state-financed institution who began the promotion of ITSM in Russia in 1998, while working for HP; a co-founder and the first chairman of itSMF Russia (2005)

for being

The pioneer and patriarch of the Russian ITSM market

Oleg Skrynnik

Managing Partner, Cleverics

for being

The tireless enlightener of the Russian IT manager community

Maksim Tischenko

Independent expert, in the recent past — CIO at the Bank of Russia, and for many years before that, the head of the bank's various IT departments

for being

A promotion leader for cutting-edge IT management practices in the Russian finance industry

Robert Farish

Vice-President, IDC Russia and CIS

for being

The «honest mirror» of the Russian IT management industry

Kirill Fedulov

Co-founder and Business Development Manager at Cloud Solutions, and before that, the Development Manager for Naumen Service Desk

for being

The leading enthusiast of promoting Russian ITSM platforms

Iliia Khaet

Member of itSMF Russia Supervisory Board, Director of Business Development at Vitte Consulting

for being

The unrivaled advocate of IT service management theory and practice

This year, the ITMF Award nominees were chosen by Open Systems Publications experts and ITMF organizers. The award is expected to be made annual, presented on a contest basis further on.

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The IT Management Forum (ITMF) is a flagship event hosted by Open Systems Publications, focused on a wide range of IT management aspects. The forum is held since 2004, with its current ITMF name given in 2012. An unparalleled platform for sharing experiences and fostering cooperation between business and IT managers, the event has a cross-industry, truly professional audience, including CIOs, technology and business leaders, as well as IT managers of various levels. ITMF has a tradition of inviting globally renowned experts directly involved in the development of international management standards and techniques. Leading players of Russian and global market for IT management systems and solutions partner with ITMF on a regular basis. Up to 500 representatives from Russian and CIS companies of various verticals participate in the forum every year.

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