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ISTQB® and IREB® to form an Alliance - starting with Aligning Glossaries

The International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB®) and the International Requirements Engineering Board (IREB®) have entered into *an alliance to further promote the Software Testing and Requirements Engineering professions* together. As a first step both organizations have agreed to align their glossaries. The alignment will include the summarizing of the ISTQB® and IREB® terms, as well as adapting the ISTQB®/IREB® glossaries to accommodate the alignment.

"ISTQB® and IREB® are two organizations aiming to improve the quality of IT processes and products. They operate in different areas: ISTQB® in Software Testing, IREB® in Requirements Engineering. These areas interact and complement each other, allowing both individuals and organizations to have a more comprehensive view of software quality. Establishing cooperation between ISTQB® and IREB® is the first step towards systematization and further standardization of software production processes" - said **Karolina Zmitrowicz**, ISTQB® President.

"As the leading Software Testing certification globally, within ISTQB® we see significant value in working within the alliance with IREB® for us, our training providers and our candidates. By initially creating the inclusive software quality glossary this will improve communication throughout the software development process" said **Geoff Thompson**, ISTQB® Vice President.

"Software Testing and Requirements Engineering are co-located professions. Tying up with ISTQB®, fosters our leadership role in building better software. We see this as a natural step in developing software that is efficient and of the highest quality" said **Kim Lauenroth, IREB® Chairman**.

Stefan Sturm, Managing Director of IREB®, added - "The alliance with ISTQB® will bring a strong asset to our Training Providers. It demonstrates that the two most important certification schemes for software quality go hand in hand."

The timetable for the alignment of the glossaries is to be determined, but is expected to be complete in 2019. The aligned glossaries will be available from both ISTQB® and IREB® upon completion.

Further Information is available from the ISTQB® website: www.istqb.org .

About ISTQB®

The International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB®) was founded in November 2002 and is a non-profit organization, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, whose mission is to advance the software testing profession. ISTQB® has defined the "ISTQB® Certified Tester" scheme that has become the world-wide leader in the certification of competences in software testing. It is supported in its mission by 60 member boards. Thanks also to the Global Exam Providers, it has today a world-wide coverage and has administered as of June 2018 over 800,000 exams,   issuing over 605,000 certificates.

ISTQB® is an organization based on volunteer work by hundreds of software testing experts around the world.

To find out more about ISTQB visit: www.istqb.org

About IREB®

The International Requirements Engineering Board (IREB®) has joined forces with the vision to create an international and professional basis for RE, in order to give this discipline the importance and the orientation that corresponds to its added value for the industry.

IREB® is the developer and the holder of the CPRE® (Certified Professional for Requirements Engineering) certification scheme. The board was created in 2006 by leading RE representatives, from science, research, industry and consulting, and today it is a worldwide renowned body of experts for the individual certification of professionals in requirements engineering.

In their effort to establish the CPRE certification scheme internationally, IREB is highly successful. Today, over 50,000 exams have been performed, almost 44,000 professionals have obtained the CPRE Foundation Level certificate in over 70 countries.

For more information about IREB®, their activities and the certification model, see www.ireb.org.