

THE SFIA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSION OF SFIA

The SFIA Foundation announces the launch on Wednesday 11 November of its Spanish Language web site from where users can obtain a Spanish version of Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA).

SFIA has become a worldwide phenomenon, in use in over 100 countries, and was already available in English, Japanese and Chinese. It has a worldwide reputation as a highly practical taxonomy of Professional IT skills. The SFIA Foundation has now made arrangements with its partner in Chile, Segacy Ltda of Santiago, for the availability of SFIA in Spanish.

As with the English version of SFIA, Spanish SFIA is open-source: users can obtain an end-user licence free of charge.

Ron McLaren, Operations manager of the SFIA Foundation said: "this is an important day for SFIA and the organisations that use it. There are thought to be over 330 million native speakers of Spanish in the world – a very large number of them in South America. We are delighted to have come to a Partnership agreement with Segacy Ltda; one of the first fruits of this partnership is the Spanish version of SFIA."

Aarnoudt Oskam, Managing Partner of Segacy, said: "Segacy is an IT-orientated consultancy, focusing on organisational change and capability: we see SFIA as a key component in the management of individual capability, and hence organisational capability. One of the strengths of SFIA is that it concentrates purely on professional skills, and so does not overlap or conflict with frameworks or approaches addressing other areas. We look forward to providing local support to users of SFIA in Chile and other countries in South America."

The ninth SFIA Conference on Skills Management in IT will take place on 2 December 2009 in London. The conference provides an excellent opportunity to discuss the use of SFIA and to contribute to its future development, which will include other language versions.

SFIA information may be found at www.sfia.cl (Spanish) and www.sfia.org.uk (English).

INFORMATION FOR EDITORS

The SFIA Foundation

The SFIA Foundation exists to own and maintain the Skills Framework for the Information Age. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation consisting of five members:

- BCS (The Chartered Institute for IT)
- e-Skills UK (The Sector Skills Council for IT and Telecoms in the UK)
- The IET (The Institution of Engineering & Technology)
- IMIS (The Institute for the Management of Information Systems)
- itSMF (The IT Service Management Forum)

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