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Two Univa Founders Named Among Top 100 Computer Scientists Worldwide

Nature Magazine List Places Dr. Ian Foster in Top 3; Also Names Dr. Carl Kesselman

CHICAGO, Aug. 28, 2007 – Two of Univa’s founders, Dr. Ian Foster and Dr. Carl Kesselman, have been named, by *Nature Magazine*, among the top 100 computer scientists worldwide for 2007, based on a formula that measures the impact of scientists’ work.

Known as the fathers of grid computing, Foster and Kesselman along with Steve Tuecke founded Univa in 2004. Foster was recognized by *Nature* as one of the world’s three most influential computer scientists based on the many papers he has authored and the citations those works have earned from other scientists.

Long time collaborators, Kesselman and Foster have received numerous previous awards, including the Lovelace Medal of the British Computer Society for significant contributions to information technology, the R&D top 100 award from R&D magazine, and were named by *MIT Technology Review* as creators of one of the top 10 technologies that will change the world.

“Any company would be proud to have a single member of its team on such a prestigious list,” said Jason Liu, Univa’s president and chief executive officer. “But to have two listed by *Nature* speaks to the incredible level of expertise our company brings to the field of grid and cluster computing.”

Foster is an active member on Univa’s board of directors and the company’s chief open source strategist, and Kesselman is both a member of the board of directors and the company’s chief scientist.

Besides his role at Univa, Foster is associate division director for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Argonne National Laboratory’s Mathematics and Computer Science Division. He also is the Arthur Holly Compton Distinguished Service Professor of Computer Science at The University of Chicago. His recognitions include an honorary Doctorate from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and the Gordon Bell Prize for high-performance supercomputing.

He currently works as the director of the Computation Institute, a joint project between Argonne and The University of Chicago charged with tackling the most difficult computational and communications problems that hinder scientists in many different disciplines.

Kesselman is the director of the Center for Grid Technologies at the Information Sciences Institute and a research professor of Computer Science at the University of Southern California. Named an ISI Fellow in 2003, Kesselman's other recognitions include an honorary Doctorate from the University of Amsterdam and most recently the Horizon Award by *ComputerWorld* magazine.

About Univa

Univa is the premier open source grid software and services company in the marketplace, providing comprehensive solutions for grid and high performance computing. Univa's customers include many of the leading commercial, government and academic institutions in the world. The company's founders are the "Fathers of Grid Computing" and have led the direction of grid computing for the past decade. Gartner has identified grid computing and open source in its top ten technologies to watch in 2007. Univa is at the intersection of these two key trends and is spearheading the adoption of open source grid solutions in industries such as pharmaceuticals, electronics, oil and gas, and manufacturing. Univa is a privately held venture backed company based in Chicago. For more information, please visit www.univa.com.

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