

News Release

Serge Ravet Joins Nuventive Advisory Board

Pittsburgh, PA – January 13, 2005 – Nuventive, a leader in electronic portfolio and assessment planning and management software is pleased to welcome Serge Ravet as a new Advisory Board member. Serge is Chief Executive of the European Institute for e-Learning (EifEL), and director of a training consultancy specialising in competence-based learning and assessment. Combining both technological (computer science graduate) and pedagogical expertise (20 years experience in training and human resources development) with working experience in Europe and the US, he is retained as an expert in the assessment of research projects for a French government agency and the European Commission. Publications include *'Technology-based Training'* (Kogan Page, 1997); *'Valider les Compétences avec les NVQs'* (DEMOS, 1999); a Guide to e-learning Solutions (2001) and numerous articles.

EifEL is a cross-sectoral professional body created in February 2001 whose mission is to support the development of a knowledge and learning society, in particular by recognizing the organic link between individual, organizational and community learning and the role played by knowledge, information and learning technologies (KILT) to achieve this goal.

EifEL's understanding and vision of the rise of a learning society has naturally placed the Institute at the forefront of the ePortfolio movement in Europe, being the lead advocate of international cooperation of ePortfolio initiatives. Europortfolio, a consortium led by EifEL has set as objective that *in 2010, every citizen will have an ePortfolio*, believing that this will be a key policy element in achieving the goal set in 2000 at the Lisbon European Commission Conference: to make Europe the most competitive knowledge based economy in the world.

"I'm delighted to have been invited to contribute to the Advisory Board of Nuventive," said Serge Ravet. "I see it as recognition of EifEL's commitment to the development of ePortfolio policies and initiatives worldwide."

"While we are at the very early stage of development of ePortfolio platforms and services, it is very exciting to witness how innovative providers can develop the tools that can serve to change the lives of millions of individuals. Already hundreds of thousands of individuals are using ePortfolios worldwide and they will be several millions by the end of 2005."

"I believe that ePortfolios will be the key element in the future development of individuals and human capital assets. I'm delighted to be able to contribute to the reflection that will lead to the continuing development of innovative tools and services, while supporting the widest possible interoperability between all ePortfolio platforms and services based on the specifications designed by IMS-Global and Europortfolio."

"We are excited to welcome Serge Ravet to our Advisory Board," said Nuventive's CEO David Raney, M.D. "He shares our vision of the tremendous opportunities and benefits offered by ePortfolios. Serge's distinctive experience will help Nuventive understand and respond to the world-wide interest and requirements in this very important area."

About Nuventive

Nuventive, based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, is an education and learning technology company providing institutions, faculty, students and other users in over 20 countries with the necessary tools and services to effectively examine, improve, and manage the life-long learning process. Nuventive product offerings include TracDat, an institutional planning and assessment tool, and iWebfolio, an electronic portfolio. For more information, visit www.nuventive.com.

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