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Lots of news crossed my desk on Enterprise Architecture, Service Oriented Architecture, and Business Process Management. This issue shares what I think are the most important developments.

-- Claude Baudoin

→ SOA Zombies

The debate on "Is SOA Dead?" started by Anne Thomas Manes of the Burton Group in her [January blog](#) has now taken a somewhat humorous turn. A number of enterprise architects rebelled and met on July 23 in Boston for a "[Night of the SOA Living Dead](#)" sponsored by ZapThink at the end of one of its ZapForum days.

→ SOA Newbies

Early this year, Claude Baudoin arranged a collaboration between the SOA Consortium and two students doing a master's thesis at the Copenhagen Business School under the direction of Prof. Rob Austin from the Harvard Business School. The students, Jonas Luttichau and Anders Dall, developed a "Service Oriented Enterprise Architecture Maturity Model" using Danske Bank as a case study. They have now completed their thesis, got the highest mark in the Danish rating system for it, and [published it online](#).

→ BPMN 2.0

The Object Management Group ([OMG](#)) has convened a "Finalization Task Force" for version 2 of [BPMN](#), which now stands for "Business Process Model & Notation" (not "...Modeling Notation"), stressing the fact that the model itself is now also a standard. The FTF is led by Mariano Benitez of Oracle, Ivana Trickovic of SAP, and Steve White of IBM, a show of unity from three major vendors that promises solid support for the new standard.

→ SOA Case Studies and Consortium News

The SOA Consortium received 16 submissions to its 2009 Case Study Contest. Judging is in progress (Claude Baudoin is one of the eight judges). The winners will be announced in September. Meanwhile, listen to the [podcasts](#) from the SOA Practitioner Days led by the Consortium during several recent Gartner Enterprise Architecture events.

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→ It Takes Two to Tango

Radical (?) idea: non-IT executives (CEO, COO, ...), not just the CIO, should have an MBO incentive linked to a business-driven Enterprise Architecture program. This reflection was inspired by a tweet from [Todd Biske](#), Enterprise Architect at Monsanto, author of the "SOA Governance" book.

→ What? Bad Governance is Costly? Nooo...!

This June 25 [article by Betsy Atkins](#) in CMS Wire touches on "information governance" and how regulations like Sarbanes-Oxley have pushed this concern up to the Board room. But it focuses too narrowly on the legal and regulatory compliance aspects: Master Data Management is also justified by quality and user productivity issues. As long as executives worry about information governance only to avoid jail or IT cost overruns, enterprise architecture will not be truly successful.

→ Seen Recently...

"Software as a Disservice (SaaS) sums up my angst in immature Cloud stack security today."

-- tweet from [Christofer Hoff \(@Beaker\)](#)

"I am interested in speaking with any hands-on architect who build large revenue-generating enterprise applications from scratch."

-- tweet from [Jordan Haberfield](#), SVP IT Services, System One ([@jordanhaber](#))
(Can you sense some sarcasm in that tweet, or is it just me?)

The [cébé Web site](#) is now live, including flyers on several of the services we offer (more will be added later). Your feedback will be appreciated, and you're welcome to send the URL to your friends and colleagues!