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ISTQB® and IREB® are forming an Alliance

The International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB®) and the International Requirements Engineering Board (IREB®) have allied to further promote the Software Testing and Requirements Engineering professions together.

The ISTQB® and the IREB® qualification schemes are closely related and each organization supports the qualification of professionals in their respective subject domains based on the current state of practice.

With both certification programs recognized throughout the world, many software quality professionals already obtain both the ISTQB® Certified Tester (CT-FL) and the IREB® Certified Professional for Requirements Engineering (CPRE) training and certifications. Hence, by aligning the terminology taught in the two qualification schemes, professionals will gain a consistent view of testing and requirements engineering.

The first joint project between ISTQB and IREB has been to establish alignment between their respective Glossaries - the list of terms and definitions used to underpin their subject domains.

ISTQB® and IREB® have successfully reviewed their Glossaries and aligned the terms that are used in each, and ISTQB® and IREB® are pleased to announce the publication of these newly aligned Glossary releases dated October 2020: the ISTQB® Glossary version 3.5 and the CPRE Glossary version 2.0.

"Together with IREB®, we have identified an overlap of 75 terms used in both Glossaries. To our great satisfaction, many of them were already consistent. At ISTQB®, we have adjusted the definitions of 6 quality terms, and removed 19 requirements engineering terms from our Glossary, referencing the IREB® Glossary instead. These changes are now implemented in English, other supported languages will follow soon." – said ISTQB® Glossary Working Group Chair Matthias Hamburg.

"This alliance is of strategic importance for us because it supports professional excellence. I thank the joint team for the successful work in aligning the terminology. We are committed to further strengthen the compatibility of the two qualification schemes." – said ISTQB® President Olivier Denoo.

"We are happy to have reached this important milestone in an excellent cooperation. The new CPRE Foundation training will be based on our new Glossary v2.0. But time does not stand still. We will keep in touch to maintain and improve compatibility." – said IREB® Council Chair Prof. Dr. Martin Glinz.

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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 worldwide leader in the certification of competencies in software testing. It is supported in its mission by 66 member boards serving 106 countries worldwide. As of May 2020, ISTQB® Exam Providers have conducted over 995,000 exams, issuing over 721,000 certificates that are valid worldwide.

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 Requirements Engineering, 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 70,000 exams have been performed, and almost 55,000 professionals have obtained the CPRE Foundation Level certificate in over 80 countries.

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