

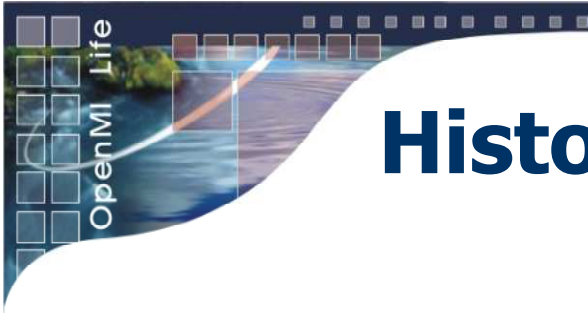
# The OpenMI Association

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Treasurer of The OpenMI Association



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# History of the OpenMI

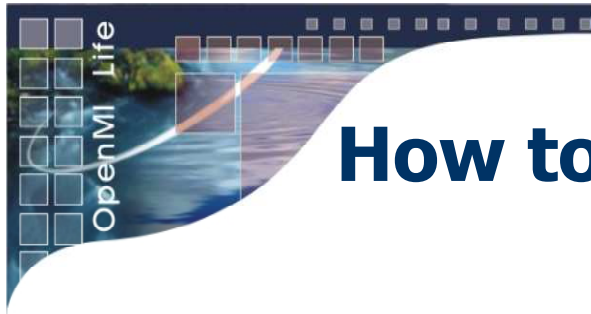


HarmonIT

- Created in FP5 project 'HarmonIT'
- Setup as a standard for the run-time data exchange between water related models"

## **Challenge: how to sustain the OpenMI after the project is over ?**

- create awareness and interest via conferences
- release the outcome as open source
- generate funding to continue the initiative during its transition from research output to widely applied standard
- setup organisation to take responsibility (maintenance and support)



## How to sustain the OpenMI ?



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### OPRICHTING VERENIGING

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Heden, vier juni tweeduizend zeven .....

De verschenen personen verklaarden een vereniging op te richten met de ----  
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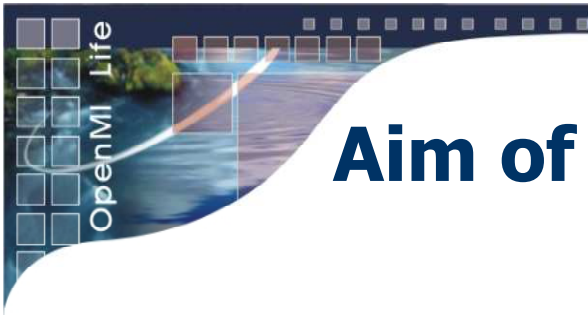
NAAM .....

Artikel 1 .....

De vereniging draagt de naam: **The OpenMI Association**. .....

### **Founders:**

Roger Moore (NERC-CEH), Michiel Blind, Peter Gijsbers (WL|Delft Hydraulics)  
Jan Gregersen (DHI), David Fortune (Wallingford Software), Maria Mimikou



## Aim of The OpenMI Association

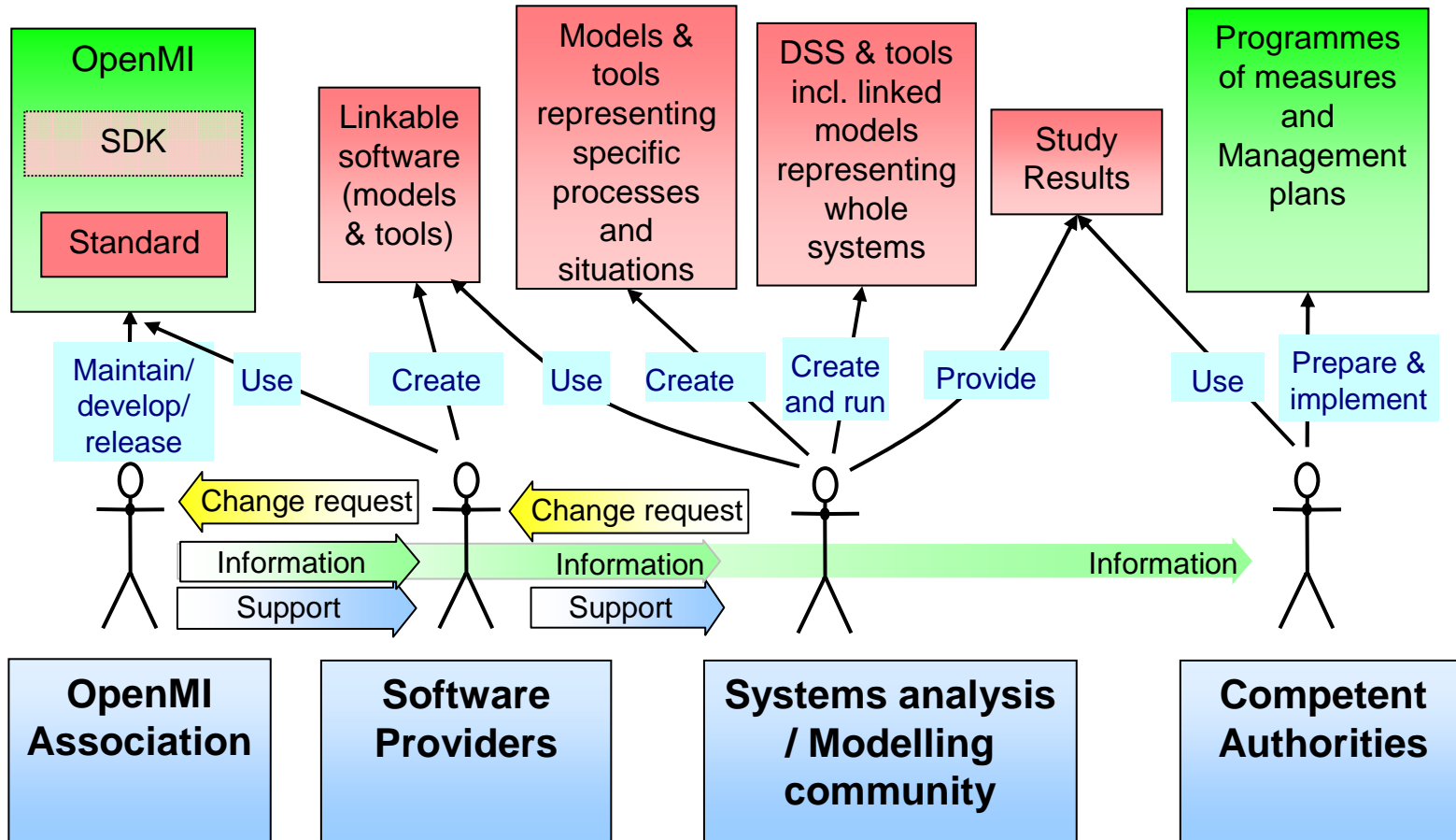


- *key is to continue the development of the OpenMI, promote its use and support its user community.*
- formally stated as “the promotion of the development, use, management and maintenance of the Open Modelling Interface (OpenMI), a software standard for the exchange of data between computer software in environmental management”

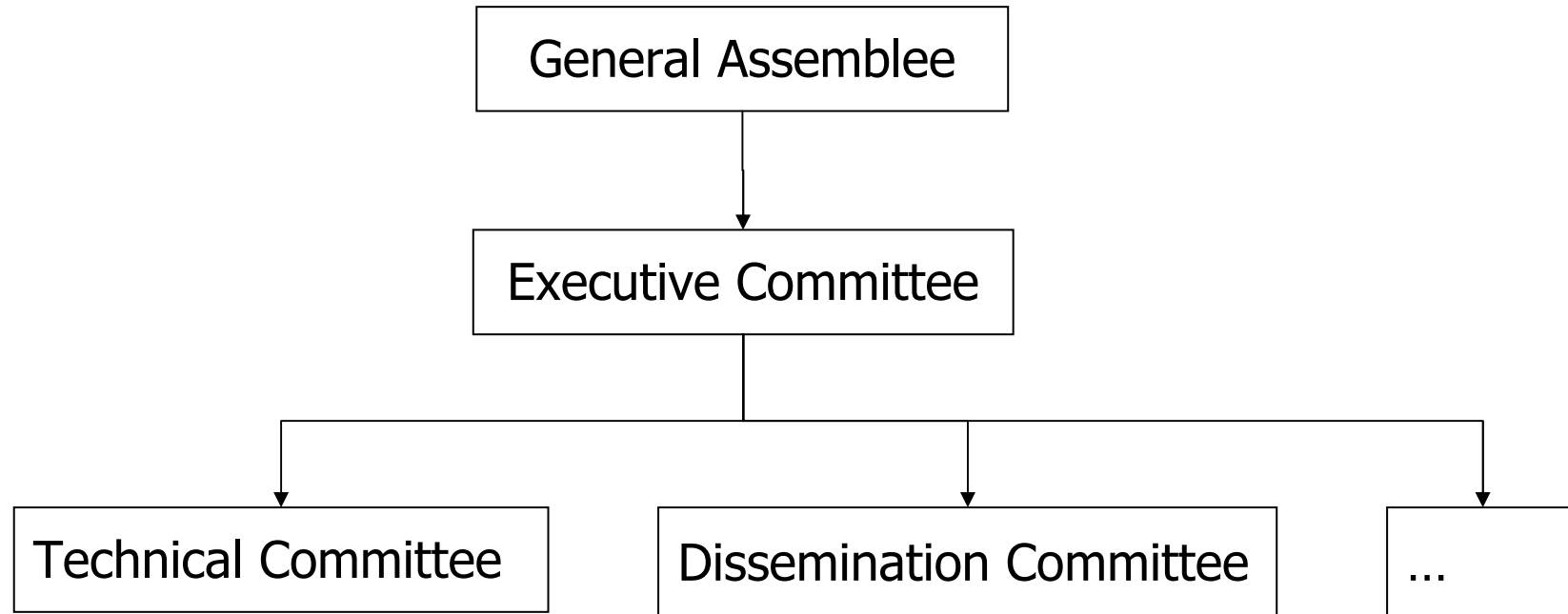
# The OA business process



Outputs  
Key activities  
Stakeholders



# The Organization

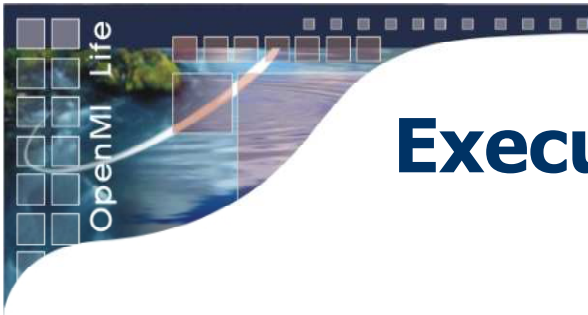




# General Assembly



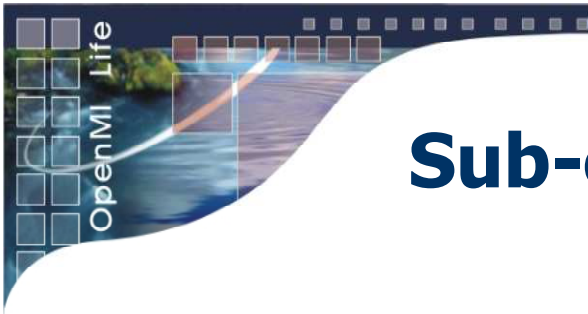
- Chooses the Executive Committee members
- Controls and approves budgets



## Executive Committee (OAEC)



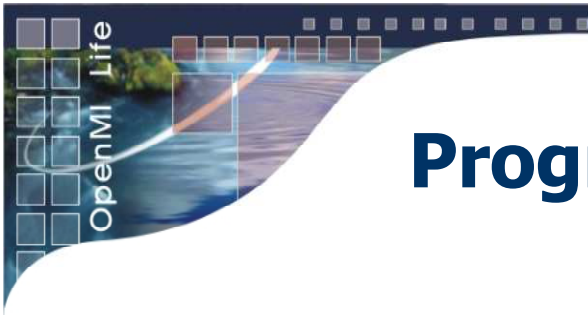
- Runs the organisation
- Maintains the register of members
- Manages the budgets
- Decides on strategic issues and significant changes to the OpenMI (non-backward compatible modifications to the OpenMI Standard and software releases)



## Sub-committees



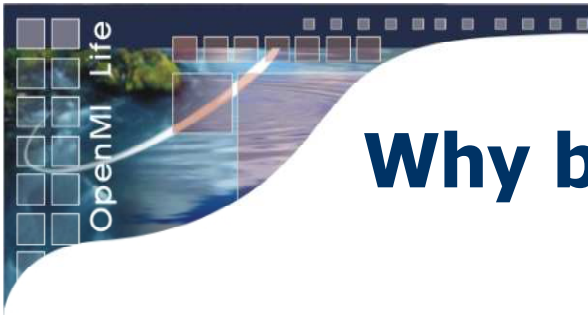
- **Technical committee (OATC)**
  - provides support to OpenMI specific questions
  - addresses OpenMI change requests and improves OpenMI
  - proposes and manages new releases
- **Dissemination committee (OADC)**
  - keeps the website up to date
  - supports information exchange e.g. via exposure at events (e.g. convene conference sessions, stimulate conference presentations)



## Progress in 2007



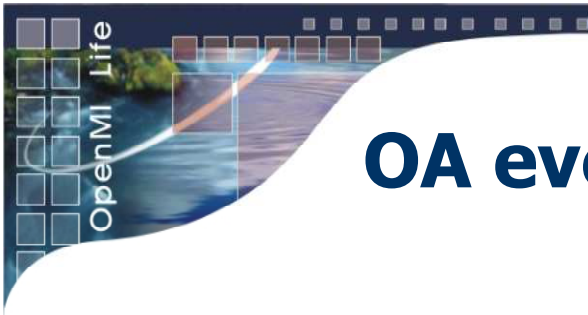
- Established legal entity (June 4, 2007)
- Held First General Assembly (Oct.4, 2007)
  - Standing Orders
  - Application fee (€ 0)
  - Annual membership (€ 100 untill 31/12/2008)
- Opened for membership (Nov.15, 2007)
- Received first 'new' member (Nov.16, 2007)
  
- Strategy development session (Oct. 30/31, 2007)



## Why become a member ?



- Members are able to join committees to build up the OpenMI-community (non-members can be invited)
- Members are able to join the OAEC and have a vote on the direction of the OpenMI Standard
- Members are given advertisement space on the OA-website
- Members can have their software products officially approved and listed as being OpenMI complaint



## OA events in 2008



- General Assembly (Spring)
- OpenMI-Life workshops (Spring, Autumn)
- iEMSs conference (July 7-10, 2008, Barcelona)
  - OA convenes a session (#13) on OpenMI applications
  - OA convenes a workshop to discuss the future of the OpenMI

