19th January 2007 – Mr Padraig Canavan of Singularity, Derry, Northern Ireland has been awarded the IT Professional of the Year Award for 2007 by the British Computer Society (Belfast Branch). This prestigious award is made for a contribution of major significance in the advancement of the Information Technology industry within the BCS Northern Ireland Region.

Mr Canavan was presented the award at a special launch held in Belfast Castle. Dr James Uhomoibhi of the University of Ulster, the Chairman of the Regional BCS Belfast Branch said “Padraig is a shining example for all entrepreneurs in the Island of Ireland. He has demonstrated the need for everyone to get involved in the process of developing knowledge based enterprise culture and contribute to the ICT industry in Northern Ireland. His selection as the Award Winner will continue to enhance the standing of this already prestigious award”. Mr Canavan successful selection for the award was derived from his very impressive entrepreneurial and business background coupled with significant experience in the ICT industry.

Welcoming the award, Mr Canavan said: “I’m delighted to have been named IT Professional of the Year. The award recognises the work of all of the staff at Singularity who have helped to create a firm that is competing at the highest level internationally and consistently winning. Singularity has achieved great success over the past twelve years but we have even greater ambitions moving into the future, and we are honoured to receive this recognition of our efforts.” Mr Canavan went on to describe briefly the activities of Singularity.

Singularity has transformed itself radically from a services business using the lower operating costs of Northern Ireland to a high value products business with state of the art knowledge in business process management software and solutions that have resulted in measurable performance improvement in its customers' businesses. Whether by deploying the award-winning Singularity Process Platform™ BPM software or by utilizing its services and solutions Singularity's customers build, execute, monitor and optimize high-performing business processes that deliver tangible results. Padraig has also recently grown the Indian operation which enhances the overall competitiveness of the company.

The event this year was sponsored by VanRath Selection&Recruitment Company, based in Belfast. VanRath is a company that is extremely proud of the quality of service they offer and their commitment to finding the right jobs for the right people.
Notes to Editors:

**IT Professional of the Year Award**
Nominations for the award are welcomed from all sources within the IT profession in N.I. Contributions may be made within industrial, academic or educational environments. They can be technical or non-technical in nature. They can relate to advancements in or the development and implementation of information systems in general or in particular, promote wider IT profession or industry issues or be considered to benefit society, the economy or the environment.

**The British Computer Society**
As the only Chartered Professional Institution for the field of information systems engineering, the British Computer Society (BCS) exists to provide service and support to the IS community, including individual practitioners, employers of IS staff and the general public. Formed in 1957, the Society now operates under a Royal Charter granted in 1984 and has 38,000 members.

The BCS is also an Engineering Institution, fully licensed by the Engineering Council in May 1990 to nominate Chartered and Incorporated Engineers and to accredit university courses and training schemes. The BCS is a registered charity: No 292786, patron: HRH The Duke of Kent KG GCMG GCVO ADC

In 1989 the Society helped to found the Council of European Professional Informatics Societies http://www1.bcs.org/docs/01400/1406/cepis.htm (CEPIS) through which it gains access to the European Commission. The BCS is also the UK member of the International Federation for Information Processing http://www.ifip.or.at (IFIP). The BCS web pages can be found at www.bcs.org.

**Padraig Canavan**
Padraig Canavan founded Singularity in 1994. The company now employs 150 worldwide and 100 people in Northern Ireland serving a worldwide customer base through its offices in London, New York, Singapore, India and Ireland and through its partner network. Singularity was placed at number 87 in the Sunday Times 100 fastest-growing technology company list published in Sept 05.

**About Singularity**
With its Headquarters in Derry, Northern Ireland, Singularity is a $20m company with 180 staff and offices in New York, London, Singapore and Hyderabad specialising in workflow and Business Process Management (BPM). Singularity’s award-winning core product helps their customers to automate complex business processes, threading human and system activities seamlessly together to achieve business goals. Singularity also provides a range of market-specific Accelerator solutions to customers in the Capital Markets, Government and Telecommunications sectors. For more information, please visit www.singularity.co.uk.