Business Process Management (BPM) is far from a new discipline. Its beginnings can be traced back as far as 18th century. This poster represents a timeline with some of the major events in the history of BPM, along with the development of correlating modeling standards and organizations.

To this end, the timeline is organized as follows:
- Clear blue color represents important people in the field of BPM
- Dark blue color represents different notations and standards and finally
- Gray color represents major organizations.

**FIRST BPM CONSIDERATION**
The first reported BPM consideration was done by Adam Smith (1723 - 1790). Smith, also called the Father of Modern Economics, saw the potential of subdivision of labor.

**FIRST PROCESS FLOW METHOD**
The first structured method for document process flow was introduced by Frank Gilbreth in 1921, entitled the flow process chart.

**DEVELOPMENT OF ASSEMBLY LINE**
Henry Ford (1863 - 1947), an American industrialist and the founder of the Ford Motor Company, greatly contributed to the development of the assembly line technique of mass production.

**ISO IS FOUND**
The International Organization for Standardization (ISO), an international standard-setting body was founded in 1947.

**FIRST MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**
Frederick Winslow Taylor (1856 - 1915) was one of the first management consultants and intellectual leaders of the Efficiency Movement.

**PETRI NETS ARE INVENTED**
Carl Adam Petri invents Petri nets, a mathematical modeling language for description of distributed systems, in August 1939, at the age of 13. Initially the modeling language was used to describe chemical process.

**ASME ADOPTS GILRETH’S SYMBOL SET**
In 1947, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) adopted a symbol set from Gilbreth’s original work.

**TQM IS INTRODUCED**
Total Quality Management (TQM) is introduced in the middle of 1980s, where all members of an organization participate in improving processes, products, services, and the culture in which they work.

**UML IS CREATED**
During 1994 - 1995, the Unified Modeling Language (UML), a general-purpose modeling language in the field of software engineering, is created. In 1997 UML is adopted by the Object Management Group.

**OMG RELEASES BPMN 1.1**
In 2006, BPMN is adopted by OMG and in 2008, the BPMN 1.1 version is released. In 2009, BPMN 1.2 version is released. In 2011, BPMN 2.0 is released. The meaning of BPMN acronym is changed to Business Process Modeling and Notation.

**WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT IS INTRODUCED**
In 1990s, the workflow management was presented as a new technology, along with the new business administration concepts.

**OMG IS FOUNDED**
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