

The Broadband Forum



Budapest Meeting Trip Report

Approved: TR-114, TR-115, TR-131 and TR-138

Wow, what a strong finish to this year! We are coming out of this meeting with four new TRs, including the long pursued VDSL2 Test Suite. There were 398 contributions addressed during the meeting, 10 working texts are going into Letter or Straw Ballot now; it was amazing how much progress each working group made! Thank you all for your hard work, not only at this meeting, but all year which has lead to the Broadband Forum having our most productive year ever.

We were also happy to host a GPON Interoperability and Conformance Testing Workshop with FSAN and ITU-T Q2/15 that was well attended with 52 participants. To follow the work and discussions coming out of that workshop, you can self subscribe to a new distribution list:

gpontesting@broadband-forum.org
(open list, self subscribe via My ARO page)

For more information about the progress of the technical work, check out the Budapest [Closing Plenary](#) slides and the latest [Bubble Chart](#).

In Marketing, Q42009 highlights include:

- More than 847 pieces of [press coverage](#) so far this quarter.
- Three events covered by Ambassadors.
- Great progress on multiple [white papers and tutorials](#) in development, including the MD-234 [MPLS in the Mobile RAN Tutorial](#) which is currently in Straw Ballot (ending Dec. 29th).
- Launch of a new video program, filming editors regarding new TRs and their expected impact on the market

The Service Provider Action Council (SPAC) was also incredibly productive at this meeting, and with 51 attendees representing 14 different service providers from around the world, the global requirements and direction provided by this group continues to provide great value to our work. For details see the [Closing Plenary](#). We encourage members to submit questions or propose speakers to the [SPAC lead team](#) for the SPAC session in Florence, Italy.

A big Broadband Forum thank you to our meeting sponsor Iometrix, and to our WAN sponsor Magyar Telekom. Finally, thank you to Mr. Thomas Bertram of Magyar Telekom for providing such an insightful [Keynote](#) presentation.

**Attendance 194
TRs Approved 4
Contributions 398
Liaisons 16**

Save the Dates Quarterly Meetings

March 8-12
Florence, Italy

May 24-28
Americas

September 20-24
Asia

December 6-10
Americas

[Interop Events](#)

- VDSL2 Systems Integrators Plugfest - Week of February 8, 2010
- VDSL2 Chip Vendors Plugfest - Week of March 22, 2010
- VDSL2 Systems Integrators Plugfest - Week of June 14, 2010

Reminder– 2010 Annual Meeting Elections

All terms are 2 years. Candidates must be a representative of a Principal Member company.

Up for election:

- 10 Board of Director seats available
- Technical Committee Chair
- Marketing Committee Chair

This is a great time to serve, and to know that you are truly leading the industry!

Election timeline

December 21, 2009	Call for nominations
January 25, 2010	Nominations statements due
February 01, 2010	Electronic Ballots sent out
March 01, 2010	Electronic Ballots due

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