



BROADBAND FORUM HONORS FRANK VAN DER PUTTEN OF ALCATEL-LUCENT

1 December 2009 - The Broadband Forum recognized one of its longest serving board members with a special award at the third quarter meeting in Budapest this week.

Frank Van der Putten was presented with the *Distinguished Fellow Award* - only the fourth person to receive this honor in recognition of the major influence he has had on the direction and success of broadband development.

Frank has been a member of the Broadband Forum for 13 years and a board member for nine years, currently holding the position of Treasurer. He also chairs the Forum's Finance & Audit Committee, as well as participates in the Green, Fiber and Technical Oversight Committees.

He is Standards Manager for Wired Access Networks at Alcatel-Lucent and, along with his Broadband Forum commitments, is an active member of the ITU-T and ETSI.

Broadband Forum COO Robin Mersh, who presented the award, said: "The Distinguished Fellow Award is a highly prized commendation which is only given to individuals whose sustained efforts in helping the Forum address uncharted territory and advance the industry deserve the highest recognition and whose vision continues to inspire the industry's growth.

I'm delighted to present this award to Frank. He is a great advocate of the Forum's work and is a very active member playing a crucial part in our work to develop broadband deployment and specifications."

Another award was presented at the Budapest meeting. Hakan Westin was inducted into the Broadband Forum's *Circle of Excellence*. Hakan, a strategic product manager at Tilgin, was recognized for his invaluable editorial leadership in the BroadbandHome Working Group; editing TR-106 Amendment 2, TR-106 Amendment 3, WT-131, PD-194 and PD-174 as well as contributing to documents such as TR-069 and PD-181. He brought strong technical insights to the Forum's transition to XML-based data model definitions and

always has been a team player who drives team consensus by helping other members to better understand how our work maps strategically to the Broadband Forum's technical roadmap.

For further information about the Broadband Forum, past awards and the upcoming activities and meetings, visit www.broadband-forum.org.

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Image caption: (left to right) Robin Mersh, COO of the Broadband Forum presents the Distinguished Fellow Award to Frank Van der Putten.



About the Broadband Forum

The Broadband Forum mission is to develop the full potential of broadband. With the recent union with the IP/MPLS Forum, the Broadband Forum is now the central body for next generation IP network specifications. This organization, comprising around 200 members of most of the world's leading service providers, equipment manufacturers, chip vendors and other key organizations, defines and facilitates next generation networks for local broadband access, mobile backhaul, business services, IPTV, gaming and other applications, and is poised to address further developments as they arise. The Broadband Forum's formal BroadbandSuite™ Release Program, Technical Reports and specifications are publicly available at www.broadband-forum.org.