



BROADBAND FORUM ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

10 March 2010 - The Broadband Forum has officially announced its new board and elected its new President and Chairman at the first member meeting of 2010 in Florence, Italy this week.

The officers include President and Chairman Tom Starr (AT&T), Marcin Drzymala (Telekomunikacja Polska) and Andrew G. Malis (Verizon) holding the positions of Vice Presidents and David Sinicrope (Ericsson) elected as Secretary. Frank Van der Putten (Alcatel-Lucent) remains Treasurer.

Elected to the board were: Peter Adams (ADTRAN), Christophe Alter (France Telecom), Sultan Dawood (Cisco Systems), George Dobrowski (Huawei Technologies), Marcin Drzymala (Telekomunikacja Polska), Kevin Foster (BT), Andrew G. Malis (Verizon Communications), David Sinicrope (Ericsson), Mauro Tilocca (Telecom Italia) and Frank Van der Putten (Alcatel-Lucent). Continuing their terms on the board for a further year is Tom Starr (AT&T), Les Brown (Lantiq) and Greg Bathrick (PMC-Sierra).

Tom Starr, the new Broadband Forum President and Chairman, said, "This is an exciting time to serve as President and Chairman of the Broadband Forum. I am particularly enthused by the increased emphasis on interoperability and certification. The recent successful launch of the Broadband Forum Certification Program with the current MPLS test suite is evidence of our commitment to interoperability. This program is being expanded to incorporate the development of interoperability testing specifications for home networking equipment based on the ITU-T G.hn Recommendation, and with the excellent collaboration with FSAN, our work on GPON testing specifications is proceeding well."

Other key Broadband Forum initiatives are focused on IPv6 transition, DSL & fiber access, mobile backhaul, energy efficiency, end-to-end architecture, TR-069 remote management as well as progress around the recent launch of the new Broadband Forum Certification Program.

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About the Broadband Forum

The Broadband Forum mission is to develop the full potential of broadband. Following its 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.