



## EUROPEAN SERVICE PROVIDERS JOIN THE DSL FORUM BOARD

*BT, France Telecom, Telecom Italia and Telekomunikacja Polska to give Europe a stronger voice in broadband standards development*

**12 March** - At the annual meeting of the DSL Forum, four of Europe's leading telecommunications network operators were elected to the DSL Forum Board of Directors.

The new members include Kevin Foster, of BT; Christophe Alter, from France Telecom; Mauro Tilocca of Telecom Italia; and Marcin Drzymala from Telekomunikacja Polska. Frank Van der Putten of Alcatel-Lucent, Les Brown of Infineon and Phil Skeba of Intel also were re-elected to the board. These strong industry players will help drive the standards work and direction of the Forum, whose activities now involve a much wider scope than its original DSL mandate - including increasing activity around IPTV, fibre deployments and management of the digital home.

Though BT has had a seat on the Forum's board in the past, this is the first time the other companies have been elected. This strong European presence is representative of the increasing broadband and IPTV leadership coming out of our European members.

In conjunction with the election of the new board members, analyst Point Topic announced the latest IPTV statistics, which revealed global IPTV subscribers topped 10 million in third quarter 2007 - a major milestone and a 27 per cent increase on the previous quarter. Once again Europe is the leading region, having over 6.5 million IPTV subscribers, with France being the country with the most subscribers. Although Western Europe has a strong lead in IPTV deployments, Eastern Europe is beginning to build its IPTV numbers and now has over 297,000 subscribers.

<i>(in 000s)</i>	Q2 2006	Q2 2007	Q3 2007
Europe	1555	4984	6520
Asia Pacific	987	2176	2559
Americas	409	1069	1416
Total	2950	8229	10495

*Source: Point Topic*

“The DSL Forum has always been an organization that enjoys active engagement from our service provider members, which helps us focus on real world issues and on developing time critical specifications. The guidance we will receive from our new European leaders will prove invaluable,” stated George Dobrowski, chairman and president of the DSL Forum. “With five service providers and six manufacturer representatives on our board, we have the broad expertise we need to continue to excel in next generation broadband specifications.”

The full 2008 Board of Directors is listed below:

George Dobrowski, Conexant	Chairman & President
Tom Starr, AT&T	Vice President & Secretary
Frank Van der Putten, Alcatel-Lucent	Vice President & Treasurer
Kevin Foster, British Telecom	
Christophe Alter, France Telecom	
Les Brown, Infineon	
Phil Skeba, Intel	
Heather Kirksey, Motive, Inc.	
Greg Bathrick, PMC Sierra	
Mauro Tilocca, Telecom Italia	
Marcin Drzymala, Telekomunikacja Polska	

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#### **About the DSL Forum**

The DSL Forum tailors broadband to meet the needs of the next generation of multi-media services and the online community. By forging agreements on

common technical requirements and embracing new applications, the Forum works to streamline processes, define specifications, and share best practices that set the stage for effective deployments and explosive global broadband growth.

Established in 1994, the DSL Forum is an international industry consortium of over 200 leading service providers, equipment manufactures and other interested parties. [www.dslforum.org](http://www.dslforum.org)