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### THE DSL FORUM HONOURS TWELVE MEMBERS AT ITS 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

13 March 2008 - The DSL Forum kicked off its 2008 annual meeting by honouring the outstanding work of twelve of its participants. The Circle of Excellence Award, Top Contributor Awards and three service awards were all presented at the meeting, being held in Warsaw, Poland.

William Lupton of 2Wire, Marco Quacchia of Telecom Italia and Giles Straub of Thomson were all inducted into the Circle of Excellence, in recognition of their dedication and hard work on driving to completion-Technical Report 135 (TR-135), which defines a data model for TR-069 enabled set-top boxes. This important document is a critical element to ensuring IPTV management improvements.

In recognition of their outstanding volume and quality of technical contribution over the last 12 months, six participants were presented with the 2007 Top Contributors awards:

William Lupton, 2Wire

Peter Ruesens, LAN

Peter Adams, BT

Heather Kirksey, Motive, Inc.

Hong Yu Li, Huawei Technologies Co.

Tim Spets, Westell

The Outstanding Service Awards, which recognize long term significant leadership contributions to the DSL Forum, were the final awards to be presented.

- Lisa Garza, of Cisco, was recognised for her outstanding marketing vision and contributions, as well as her pivotal efforts to broaden the scope of the DSL Forum.
- Steve Plume, from BT, received the award for his efforts within the Forum on behalf of the service provider community and his commitment to providing a European voice for the Forum.

- Peter LeBlanc, in recognition of his efforts to stimulate global membership growth and to drive the continuous improvement of marketing execution.

All three are retiring board members of the Board of Directors for the DSL Forum.

“The work of our members is critical to the continued development and advancement of the DSL Forum. As such, we want to honour those individuals who produce exceptional work, go that extra mile or help the broadband industry overcome another hurdle to obtain greater deployment or stronger management capabilities. From work on a particular TR to those who have supported the Forum over a long period of time, I salute each of these valuable contributors and look forward to continuing working with such industry leaders,” said George Dobrowski, President and Chairman of the DSL Forum.

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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)