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Membership and Annual Meeting – April 2-4, Overland Park, Kansas

The upcoming IPDR.org Membership and Annual Meeting hosted by Sprint PCS April 2-4 in Overland Park, Kansas offers a valuable opportunity to meet face-to-face with other members. This is the annual meeting; the agenda will set scope and objectives for 2003 including major new IPDR.org initiatives in WiFi Roaming, Packet Cable, Voice over IP, and Service Provider Settlement. Protocol and Marketing Working Group breakouts offer a chance to exchange feedback in an open forum.

On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, there is a special **WiFi Roaming Summit** at which outside experts from all of the major Radius Server providers and leading WiFi Service Providers will attend. Further information is at <http://www.ipdr.org/members/pubs/circumference9.ppt>. WiFi subject matter experts from member companies are encouraged to participate. A possible outcome of this meeting will be to charter a new working group to extend the S/PS work into a "WiFi Roaming" accounting interchange and settlement specification.

So please plan on joining us. You may register simply by sending an email to Marianne Jenkinson at mjenkinson@ipdr.org. There is no cost to attend.

Q1 Liaison Updates

IPDR continues to work aggressively with service-specific organizations to promote the importance of accounting exchange and the convergent NDM-U standard:

WiFi Alliance — IPDR.org was recently recommended to the board by the Public Access group as a priority liaison partner for settling WiFi Roaming.

TMF—The PROFITS Catalyst project will use NDM-U with a modified version of the Streaming Media Service Specification

Cable Labs— Supporting NDM-U adoption with the mapping of PacketCable™ VoIP Event Messages into IPDRDocs under way in IPDR and should be available for review in the working groups by the end of the month.

International Softswitch Consortium – Recently responded with active dialog at the board level regarding ISC adoption of NDM-U technology.

European Union —The Fraunhofer Institute is instituting another R&D project utilizing IPDR.org technology, this time focusing on settlement.

Supplier/Partner Settlement: Project Update

The Business Requirements Working Group has been working diligently for the last two quarters on the new Supplier/Partner Settlement framework. To expand the community of experts and interested parties beyond the membership of the organization and to validate the basic direction

of the initiative, a preliminary list of potential correspondents, along with a cover letter requesting feedback regarding an Industry Review Draft of the specification has been prepared.

The specification and the cover letter PDF files can also be accessed at:

www.ipdr.org/members/Review_Area/SPS/SPSIndustryCommentContribution-Final.pdf and
www.ipdr.org/members/Review_Area/SPS/SPS1.0ID-R8.pdf

IPDR.org is requesting suggestions for additional industry correspondents and/or contact names, as well as any material suggestions regarding the cover letter. It is desired that all comments be received no later than March 21 to allow time for the comments to be incorporated into a working document for use at the membership meeting in Kansas City.

The organization of this work will also be subject to results that may emerge from the IPDR WiFi Roaming Summit.

2003 Board of Directors

The IPDR.org has recently sent out the following slate of candidates for the 2003 Board of Directors. Pending approval from the membership, the new Board will become active as of April 1.

ACE*COMM	Martin Demers
Amdocs	Mark Farmer
Billing Concepts	Paul Buehler
Cisco Systems, Inc.	Kevin McCoy
Convergys	Pankaj Patel
Hewlett-Packard	Jeff Meyer
Sprint PCS	Steve O'Neal
Telus	Mike Norris
Xacct Technologies	Tal Givoly

Next IPDR Compliant™ Testing - Scheduled for Q3 2003

IPDR.org is planning to stage the next IPDR Compliant™ testing session in Q3 2003. IPDR Compliant™ status is the only way to identify companies which have had their next-generation services' products independently tested and verified by the experts at IPDR.org. IPDR Compliant™ testing verifies IPDR record interoperability (in accordance with the Network Data Management – Usage (NDM-U) specification), for next-generation services in a multi-company environment.

IPDR Compliant™ systems have a demonstrated ability to interoperate with a variety of other IPDR Compliant™ systems under several light-usage real-world scenarios. Companies must use a shipping, production version of their product for the testing; the configuration used for testing must be available to product purchasers at the time of test.

If any company is interested in participating, they should contact Marianne Jenkinson (mjenkinson@ipdr.org).

To date the following companies have already passed Compliant testing: ACE*COMM, Admocs American Management Systems (AMS), Billing Concepts, Comptel, Convergys, CSG, Digital Route, Hewlett-Packard, NEC, Marconi, and Openet. For complete details on the vendors,

products, and test results, visit the following web page: <http://www.ipdr.org/compliant-program/compliantvp.html>

New IPDR.org Analyst Presentation Available

Recently the IPDR.org Marketing Team created an overview IPDR.org slide presentation with accompanying notes. The primary reason for creating this set of slides is for members to use as a way of communicating the IPDR.org message when speaking with press and analysts. In addition, it should prove very helpful to a newcomer to understand the makeup of the organization and the work that is being done.

The presentation is currently available under the members only directory or via the link <http://www.ipdr.org/members/documents-drafts/analyst-2003.ppt>, and soon will be placed on the public side as well. The members only area presentation will include a slightly modified version consisting of an addendum set that provides additional information on how an IPDR record is generated in the VoIP scenario

Member Company Updates

Billing Concepts and Xacct Technologies have recently upgraded their membership to Charter members. In addition, IPDR.org welcomes [CIBERNET \(www.cibernet.com\)](http://www.cibernet.com) as a new Supporting member.