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## INTRODUCTION

Dear WiMAX Forum Members,

We would like to begin the February newsletter on a particularly high note. In late January the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Radiocommunication Assembly met in Geneva and announced the final agreement on specifications for next-generation mobile technologies: IMT-Advanced.

Following exhaustive technical evaluations WirelessMAN-Advanced, the IEEE 802.16 standard upon which WiMAX Advanced (WiMAX 2) is based was accepted as one of only two technologies that meet the ITU's criteria. We would like to congratulate and thank the members of the Regulatory Working Group (RWG) and all of our WiMAX Forum members that contributed to the success of this effort.

We would also like to announce that effective February 1st, Ronald J. Resnick has retired from his role as President of the WiMAX Forum. The WiMAX Forum would like to again extend its sincerest thanks to Mr. Resnick for his years of service both as President and as Chairperson of the WiMAX Forum Board of Directors.

As of February first Declan Byrne has taken charge of the organization, having been unanimously confirmed by the Board as Acting President of the WiMAX Forum. The WiMAX Forum would like to congratulate Mr. Byrne on his new position, and thank him for taking on this role for the benefit of our industry.

The WiMAX Forum is also pleased to announce the success of the first in its 2012 WiMAX Forum Operator Summit Series. WiMAX Buenos Aires 2012 took place January 30th and 31st, and was hosted in conjunction with our most recent Working Group Face-to-Face event.

The event drew more than 65 attendees, hosted excellent presentations, and got some excellent reviews in the Latin American press. The WiMAX Forum would also like to extend a thank you to the following member companies that contributed speakers to the program:

Airspan	Intel
Alepo	ITRI
Alvarion	NEC
Aptilo	NSN
Green Packet	Sequans
Huawei	Skyonline

We would also like to announce that to follow up on our commitment to the Latin American WiMAX industry, the WiMAX Forum has signed on as an endorsing association for the **4G Latin America Conference & Expo**, being hosted by Maravedis Research June 18 – 20 at the Westin Hotel in Lima, Peru.

This event is the same week as both our Member Conference and WiMAX North America Operator Summit in Montreal, so it will be a busy and productive week for our organization. We hope to see many of you at one of these events.

Also coming up soon is the next WiMAX Forum Member Conference, which will be held at the Hilton Waikoloa Village in Hawaii from March 19 – 22nd. **We strongly urge our members to attend this event and continue to contribute to the growth of our industry.**

Please visit our website to register: [WiMAX Forum Member Conference in Hawaii](#).

We would also like to remind you that the WiMAX Forum is currently in the middle of its renewal season. Many of our 200+ members are renewing their annual memberships, and our membership and finance teams have been working together to make certain that this process goes smoothly for everyone.

Many of your companies should be hearing shortly from our membership team, and they will be happy to answer any questions that you have. If you have questions regarding your membership status, please send a message to [membership@wimaxforum.org](mailto:membership@wimaxforum.org), and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Best Regards,

The WiMAX Forum

## WORKING GROUP UPDATE

### Call for Candidates: Working Group Officer Elections in March 2012

The WiMAX Forum conducts elections for all Working Group officer positions during the first Members conference of each even numbered year. That time is upon us. A document has been posted to the TSC Reflector to serve as a Call for Candidates providing notice that the WiMAX Forum® is seeking candidates for the offices specified in Section 6 of the [WiMAX Forum Working Group Officer Election Procedures](#).

Review the Call for Candidates document [HERE](#).

Detailed position descriptions are also posted [HERE](#).

Elections are scheduled in conjunction with the WiMAX Forum® Member Conference of 19-23 March 2012 in Hawaii. Members are encouraged to participate in helping us fill these vital positions in our organization.

The following schedule shall apply:

- **27 February 2012:** Deadline for providing notice of candidacy to TSC Chair and respective Working Group reflector.
- **5 March 2012:** Deadline for distribution of candidate information and candidate endorsement statement due from Member Company to TSC Chair and respective Working Group reflector.
- **12 March 2012 (estimate):** Electronic elections open.
- **19 March 2012:** Candidate Forum, to be held in the evening at the WiMAX Forum Member Conference. The meeting shall be open to all WiMAX Forum Members. During the meeting, all candidates for

WG Officer positions are invited to attend to discuss their views and intended approach to the office. Questions and comments from the Members and from WiMAX Forum staff will be entertained.

- **21 March 2012:** Electronic elections close at 5 PM local time, (HST, GMT-10) at WiMAX Forum Member Conference.
- **21 March 2012:** Evening - TSC chair to review and confirm election results with election administrators.
- **22 March 2012:** Morning- Confirmation of election results at Board meeting.
- **22 March 2012:** Evening- Confirmed WG Officers assume office at the close of the Technical Plenary.

Unless stated otherwise, the deadlines fall at the end of the specified date in Pacific Standard Time, (GMT-8)

For more information please contact Chelsea Nager at [chelsea.nager@wimaxforum.org](mailto:chelsea.nager@wimaxforum.org).

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES UPDATE

There are currently 175 members of the WiMAX Forum in good standing. WiMAX Forum would like to extend a special welcome to the newest member of our organization:

- **NewNet Communication Technologies, LLC**

Currently there are eight companies with pending membership: General Electric Digital Energy, Applied Communication Sciences, Wimax Polska, Vtel Georgia, Orbitage, Busyinternet, Halis Elektronik and MTCE.

We are committed to delivering the value necessary for our members to get the most of their association with the WiMAX Forum and we are always happy to engage with individual members to discuss how WiMAX Forum can better serve its membership. If you have questions regarding your membership, please contact Mike Wolleben at [mike.wolleben@wimaxforum.org](mailto:mike.wolleben@wimaxforum.org) - 512-722-6138.

The WiMAX Forum is the best place for our members to access, leverage and influence the growth and development of the WiMAX industry. So be a leader in WiMAX and step up to get involved today!

## EVENTS UPDATE

The WiMAX Forum team is looking forward to greeting all our members at our first Member Conference this year – the Member Conference in Waikoloa, HI. Please visit the event website for registration and details: [Hawaii Member Conference Event Website](#).

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind our members that there has been a change in the overall schedule of events for 2012. **The WiMAX Forum Member Conference, originally scheduled for September of 2012 was rescheduled.**

The corrected dates for the WiMAX Forum Sofia Member Conference and WiMAX Europe Operator Summit are **October 8th – 12th, 2012**.

WiMAX Europe will take place October 8th – 9th, with the WiMAX Forum Member Conference taking place across the entire week from October 8th – 12th.

Please see updated events schedule below:

**WiMAX Forum Events 2012**

Event Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
WMF Member Events	WG F2F Buenos Aires Jan 30-Feb 2		Member Conference Big Island, HI 19-22			Member Conference Montreal 18-21				Member Conference Sofia 8-11		
WMF Board of Directors			Big Island 20-22			Montreal 20-21				Sofia 10-11		
WMF Operator Summits	Buenos Aires 30-31		Islamabad 27-28			Montreal 19-20	Miami 26-27			Sofia 9-10	Cape Town 13	Dubai 3
WMF Operator Summits						Taipei 5-6						
Industry Event	Distributech San Antonio 24-26				UTC Orlando 20-23	Computex Taipei 5-9			ATCA Sep 30-Oct 3	Gridweek Washington 4-6	AfricaCom Cape Town 14-15	Telco Dubai 4-5
Industry Event	NTCA New Orleans 11-13				CTIA New Orleans 9-10					SEI TBD	4G World Chicago Oct 29- Nov 1	

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If you have any questions about any of the events please contact Julia Rueb at [Julia.Rueb@wimaxforum.org](mailto:Julia.Rueb@wimaxforum.org).



## WiMAX FORUM NEWS

WiMAX Forum, in partnership with Multiview, has launched its weekly WiMAX Newsbrief. This weekly summary of news from around the WiMAX ecosystem is intended as a benefit to our members. If you do not yet receive the Newsbrief and wish to do so, please sign up here:

<http://www.wimaxforum.org/wimax-forum-weekly-newsbriefs>

Below is a summary of the month of February:

- **Banglalion opens WiMAX service at Jessore**
- **NewNet completes initial acquisition closing of Nokia Siemens Networks' WiMAX business**
- **AfriConnect Zambia deploys Aradial AAA Enforcer for WiMAX and Internet services**
- **BSNL to launch ambitious Internet services**
- **TTK to launch WiMAX in 27 cities this year**
- **WiMAX Buenos Aires a success in Latin America**
- **Dubai Metro green line goes mobile with Huawei and Du**
- **BroadcastAsia returns in June**
- **Going wireless**
- **WiMAX expands to Michigan community**
- **Malaysia's P1 welcomes the dragon**
- **NTC 2012 Special Track: Information Technology Security**
- **Greater Taichung named 'intelligent community' by ICF**
- **IMT-Advanced standards announced for next-generation mobile technology**
- **iVK Mobiles takes bottom to top route**
- **Nigeria to licence 2.3GHz, 2.6GHz spectra**
- **Taiwan pledges support for WiMAX**
- **End-to-end WiMAX advantage for operators**
- **Clearwire Clear Hub Express and Clear Spot Voyager WiMAX**
- **INEA to build 40 new WiMAX base stations, extend network**
- **Taiwanese manufacturers to attend telecom show for 1st time**
- **CPFL aims to invest \$121 million in smart grids by 2013**
- **Wateen Telecom tops PTA's survey**
- **Wi-tribe picks Greenpacket modem for broadband connectivity**
- **Bluewave Internet delivers wireless broadband to UK village**
- **Platinum Communications to acquire AlbertaHighSpeed**
- **Qubee launches loyalty program**
- **Call anywhere in the world for only 49 Baiza per minute with Nawras 0902**
- **Embedded cellular model slowly starts to take hold**
- **Enforta connects bank unit to Internet**
- **Intelligent electronic devices increase availability, power quality in power distribution networks**

- **WiMAX Forum gets new president**
- **Greenpacket launches cutting-edge wireless router that compliments WiMAX devices worldwide**
- **WiMAX Buenos Aires**
- **Cisco rolls more routers for smart grids**
- **Free Web access could become reality**
- **2 US venues make intelligent communities list**
- **WiMAX dongles now available for students with Macs**
- **Qazi Abdus Salaam visited the library of India's Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University**
- **Panasonic offers WiMAX service for Japanese customers**
- **Tattoo@Home beefs up 2012 product portfolio**
- **Austin Technology Incubator graduates 7 wireless companies**
- **Panasonic adds SX and NX, also introduces J10**
- **Sprint pushes its wireless network for smart grid**
- **2 sites inaugurated for WiMAX project in Meghalaya, India**
- **Batelco announces opening of its 2nd franchised outlet**
- **Giraffe sticks neck out in WiMAX market**
- **ISI announces technology upgrades — Improvements bring greater security**
- **Samsung Galaxy S II WiMAX announced for Japan**
- **Is '5G' mobile broadband just around the corner?**
- **Anatel opens public consultation on 2.5GHz, 450MHz tenders**
- **Internet audience exceeds 2 million in 2011 in Tatarstan, Russia**
- **Redpine Signals announces industry's 1st full-featured and self-contained low-power 802.11n Wi-Fi module for M2M markets**
- **Year-on-year growth in sales and profits**
- **When it comes to smart grid, Cisco's thinking big picture**
- **For individuals searching for a laptop, the Toshiba Portege is a good choice**