Item: Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium's Fifth Interop and Roundtable

News: CalConnect is now accepting registrations for its fifth Interop (see below) and Roundtable. Status of Technical Committees and their action plans will be the focal point of the Roundtable, open to members and observers.

This event reflects the Consortium's ability to stay on target to produce interoperable calendaring and scheduling solutions within five years of inception.

Date: Interop: January 9-10, 2006

Roundtable: January 10-12, 2006

Sponsor: Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium (www.CalConnect.org)

Host and Location: Novell, Inc., 1860 South Novell Place, Building H, Executive Briefing

Center, Provo, Utah

Description:

The Interop, open to members and non-members, will comprise multiple scenarios including CalDAV server and client testing, Min-IOP testing, and iCAL, iTIP, iMIP interoperability testing. Interop test events are open to members and non-members. They involve developers of Calendaring and Scheduling products or implementations that are based upon Calendaring and Scheduling standards and open specifications, in particular the IETF iCal, iMIP and iTIP RFCs and related drafts. At the events, implementers test their implementations for accuracy in implementing the Calendaring and Scheduling Standards, and test interoperability with other implementations. Goals of the Interops include assessing the C&S standards, assessing the implementations, and determining interoperability.

The Roundtable will be comprised of Technical Committee meetings, to which all members and observers are welcome, plus some additional sessions and committee meetings. Thursday morning will be the full Plenary meeting of the Consortium, open to all participants. This session will include report-outs from all Technical Committees, demonstrations resulting from the Interop testing earlier in the week, and establishment of future goals and directions for the Consortium.

Selected Technical Committees of CalConnect and summaries of their focus are as follows:

TC-AUTHENTICATE	Assess Calendaring authentication and authorization issues and develop recommendations
TC-CALDAV	Define Consortium requirements for CalDAV extensions to WebDAV
TC-EVENTPUB	Define and describe event publishing and how it differs from general scheduling
TC-IOPTEST	Support Interops, develop test suites, reference implementation, identify areas to test
TC-MOBILE	Develop recommendations for open standards-based Calendaring on mobile devices

TC-REALTIME	Address realtime Server-Server Interoperability
TC-TIMEZONE	Define and develop proposals for Timezone provisioning and
	possible Timezone registry and service
TC-USECASE	Develop Use Cases & Terminology

Interop and Roundtable Information: www.calconnect.org

Members: California State University (Fresno), Carnegie Mellon University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, EVDB, IBM, Harvard Arts and Sciences Computer Services, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Meeting Maker, M.I.T., The Mozilla Foundation, New York University, Novell, Open Source Application Foundation, Oracle Corporation, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stanford University, Symbian, Trumba, UC Berkeley, University of Washington, University of Wisconsin Madison, and Yahoo! Inc.

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