

Media Alert: Duke U. to Host Calendaring and Scheduling Roundtable/Interop

Item: Registration for the 1-3 June, 2005 Roundtable and associated Interop hosted by Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is now open.

Sponsor: The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium (Calconnect)
The Consortium, launched December 2004, focuses on the interoperable exchange of calendaring and scheduling information between dissimilar programs, platforms, and technologies. Calconnect promotes general understanding of and provide mechanisms to allow interoperable calendaring and scheduling methodologies, tools and applications to enter the mainstream of computing. Membership listed below.

Background: This is Calconnect's third Roundtable and Interop. Events occur concurrently; full participation requires that a company send at least two representatives.

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.

Roundtables include technical committee meetings and a general plenary where members set the technical work agenda and administrative priorities; prospective members may attend one meeting as observers.

Registration: Roundtable fee – \$275 per person for registrations received by 15 May 2005. After 15 May 2005 the fee rises to \$325 per person.

Interop fee – \$1500 for Consortium members and \$2500 for non-members. The fee covers two individuals; additional individuals are \$275 each. (Participation in more than one Interop scenario may require more than two people.)

To register, call 707-840-9391 or e-mail Dave.Thewlis@calconnect.org. Credit cards (Visa, Master Charge or American Express), check, and EFT accepted for payment. Space is limited to 40 participants.

Roundtable Information: www.calconnect.org/roundtable3.html

Interop Information: www.calconnect.org/iopjun2005.html

Details about the agenda and the specific plans for the Interop will be posted soon.

Members: Duke University, EVDB, Isamet, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Meeting Maker, M.I.T., The Mozilla Foundation, Novell, Open Source Application Foundation, Oracle Corporation, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stanford University, Symbian, UC Berkeley, University of Washington, University of Wisconsin Madison, and Yahoo! Inc.

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