



Open IPTV Forum gains momentum with new top tier industry members

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The Open IPTV Forum announced today that it has accepted new members from 9 different countries during October and November this year. Alcatel-Lucent, Amino Communications, Deutsche Telekom, Huawei, LG Electronics, Telefonica, TeliaSonera, Tilgin, Verimatrix Inc. and ZTE Corporation have all joined the effort to develop open, end-to-end specifications for IPTV based on existing technologies and open standards.

Combining the expertise of major consumer electronics manufacturers with that of content providers, service providers, network operators and infrastructure vendors means that the forum is well placed to deliver on its promise – since its creation in March 2007 – pan-industry end to end specifications for IPTV technologies.

The Open IPTV Forum Steering Group Chairman, Mr. Yun Chao Hu stated: "The Open IPTV Forum leadership is very pleased with this increase of new members within a very short time. This illustrates that the market requires a forum that drives the next generation of IPTV services beyond the currently deployed - Live Broadcast TV and Video on Demand - services. The new members also expressed their intention to actively contribute towards the work ongoing within the Open IPTV Forum, which is very much appreciated"

The positive feeling in the group for this evolution of the Forum has been remarked by Helmut Schink, Steering Group Vice-Chair, who notes: "The acceptance of the results is based on broad support during the development of the specifications. Therefore it is key to have the major players on board while critical decisions are taken and the Forum is open for further expansion of its membership."

About the Open IPTV Forum

The Open IPTV Forum is a pan-industry initiative with the purpose of producing end to end specifications for IPTV in order to take the next generation of IPTV into a mass market service. The forum, which is fully open to participation across the communications and entertainment industries, will focus on development of open standards that could help to streamline and accelerate deployments of IPTV technologies, and help to maximize the benefits of IPTV for consumers, network operators, content providers, service providers, consumer electronics manufacturers and home and network infrastructure providers.

The Open IPTV Forum founding members are Ericsson, FT Group, Nokia Siemens, Panasonic, Philips, Samsung, Sony, and Telecom Italia.



The full list of Open IPTV Forum members are now: Accenture, Alcatel Lucent, Amino Communications Ltd, ANT Software Ltd, Deutsche Telekom AG, Ericsson, FT Group, Funai Electric Co., Ltd., Huawei, LG Electronics, Nokia Siemens Networks, Panasonic, Philips, Quative - Kudelski Group, Samsung, SES-Astra, Sharp Corporation, Sony Corporation, Sun Microsystems, Telecom Italia, Telefonica, TeliaSonera, Tilgin, Toshiba Corporation, Verimatrix, Inc, ZTE Corporation.

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