OIF TO SHOWCASE TECHNICAL ADVANCES AT SUPERCOMM 2002

Forum Leaders Will Deliver Multimedia Presentations at OIF Booth

FREMONT, CA - May 13, 2002 – The Optical Internetworking Forum (OIF) will highlight its technical projects as an exhibitor at SUPERCOMM 2002 in Atlanta June 4 - 6. At the Forum’s open theater booth, #13201 in Hall C, OIF leaders will address SUPERCOMM attendees on a wide range of technical issues including the User Network Interface (UNI), Network-to-Network Interface (NNI), tunable lasers, VSR and 40G premise equipment interfaces. Multimedia presentations and educational material by a broad cross-section of industry-leading companies will provide details of the Forum’s collaboration towards dynamic optical internetworking.

"SUPERCOMM 2002 is an ideal platform for the OIF to highlight its work and build support for the Forum’s technical efforts,” said Steve Joiner, OIF technical committee chairman and chief marketing strategist at Ignis Optics. “The OIF is the industry leader in promoting true interoperability and we can reach the largest audience at a show like SUPERCOMM.”
In addition to the Forum’s activities at the OIF booth, OIF leaders will present two educational panel sessions at SUPERCOMM. The first session, *Advances in Optical Network Interworking*, is scheduled for 10:00 am - 11:30 am on June 3rd. Led by OIF Carrier Working Group chairman John Strand of AT&T, panel members including Greg Bernstein of Ciena, Monica Lazer of AT&T, Dimitris Pendarakis of Tellium and Zlata Trhulj of Agilent will discuss motivation, architecture and status of the OIF Network-to-Network Interface (NNI) work. The second OIF educational session, entitled *All-Optical Networks* is scheduled for 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, on June 6th. OIF board member Bob Tkach of Celion Networks will chair a panel that will focus on the latest developments in the all-optical network arena. Panel members will include Larry McAdams of Picarro, Lucy Yong of Williams, Stefano Baroni of Corvis, Mark Jones of Sprint and Angela Chiu of Celion.

The OIF is currently working in many areas to facilitate the growth of the optical network. Within the Control layer, the OIF is continuing to enhance its User Network Interface (UNI) 1.0. Additional functionality is being incorporated into UNI 2.0 and a Network-to-Network Interface (NNI) document is also currently in progress. The Physical and Link Layer working group has several ongoing implementation agreements in development, including internal system interfaces, low-cost 10G premises equipment interfaces, 40G premise equipment interfaces and tunable lasers.
About the OIF

Launched in April of 1998, the OIF is a rapidly growing, non-profit organization with over 300 international member companies, including the world's leading carriers and vendors. As the only industry group that unites representatives from the data and optical networks, the OIF helps advance the standards and methods of optical networks. The OIF's purpose is to accelerate the deployment of interoperable, cost-effective and robust optical internetworks and their associated technologies. Optical internetworks are data networks composed of routers and switches interconnected by complex and intelligent optical networking elements.

With the goal of promoting worldwide compatibility of optical internetworking products, the OIF actively supports and extends the work of national and international standards bodies. Formal liaisons have been established with The ATM Forum, IEEE 802.3ae (10 Gb Ethernet), IETF, ITU-T Study Group 15, MEF, NPF, T1M1, T1X1 and the TMF. More information on the OIF can be found at www.oiforum.com.

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