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INTRODUCTION

Dear WiMAX Forum Members,

Happy New Year! We hope that our members all enjoyed a happy and peaceful holiday season. The WiMAX Forum is starting off 2012 with **WiMAX Buenos Aires**, the first in our 2012 WiMAX Forum Operator Summit Series. This event will take place **January 30th – 31st at the Marriott Plaza Buenos Aires**, and will be held concurrently with the **WiMAX Forum Working Group Face-to-Face taking place from January 30th - February 2nd**.

WiMAX Buenos Aires 2012 is an event for all participants, both operators and vendors, to meet, exchange ideas and develop business and cooperative relationships. The event will highlight the opportunities, challenges and strategies involved in operating a profitable WiMAX network in Latin America.

The WiMAX Buenos Aires program currently includes speakers from the following companies, and more are expected to confirm shortly:

Airspan	Intel
Albentia	ITRI
Alepo	Maravedis Research
Alvarion	Movilmax
Aptilo	NEC
Green Packet	Nokia Siemens Networks
Huawei	Purewave
IBW	Skyonline

It is not too late to register for this event, to do so please follow this link: [WiMAX Buenos Aires 2012](#)

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform 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 is being 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. For more information on the WiMAX Forum events calendar, please see the events section of this newsletter.

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, and we will respond as quickly as possible.

We would again like to wish all of our members a happy and prosperous new year!
We look forward to continuing to work with you in 2012.

Best Regards,

The WiMAX Forum

WORKING GROUP UPDATE

In this first 2012 edition of the WiMAX Forum Monthly Newsletter we would like to thank the Working Group members for all of the time and effort that they volunteered during 2011. The WiMAX Forum would not be what it is without your contributions. Thank you, we look forward to your further contributions throughout the year.

If you are not a member of a Working Group yet, you can request to join on the group's home page at [Working Groups Registration](#). Or if you want to take an active role in one or more of the Working Groups, you can use the group chair link on that same page to contact the chairman of the group and to see how you can help.

If you are not sure where you can be of benefit, please feel free to reach out the chairman of the Technical Steering Committee Rich Hawkins at rich.hawkins@wimaxforum.org to help advise you or your company as to where you can be the most help.

The WiMAX Forum Working Groups are the key to the development of WiMAX technology. The WiMAX Forum organizes its technical activities through a number of Working Groups coordinated by a Technical Steering Committee.

Working Groups are chartered by the WiMAX Forum to bring together content experts from Members to contribute and harmonize documents and specifications and perform other tasks that the WiMAX Forum has determined to be necessary or useful.

Working Group Meetings are held in-person ("face-to-face") or by teleconference. Dates and venues shall be determined taking into account Working Group needs and requests. To encourage cross Working Group discussions in support of the overall program goals, the WiMAX Forum co-locates the face-to-face meetings of multiple Working Groups.

Your participation is important to the WiMAX community!

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES UPDATE

There are currently 214 members of the WiMAX Forum in good standing. WiMAX Forum would like to extend a special welcome to the newest member of our organization:

- **Digicel Fiji**

There has never been a better time to be a WiMAX Forum Member. 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 - 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 seeing all of our members at our events this year!

The first event of the year is approaching: WiMAX Buenos Aires Operator Summit co-located with the Working Group Face-to-Face is scheduled to start on January 30, 2012.

For more information please visit [WiMAX Forum Events Website](#).

To register for the **WiMAX Buenos Aires 2012 Operator Summit**, please click on the following link: [WiMAX Buenos Aires Operator Summit Registration Website](#).

To register for the **WiMAX Forum Working Group Face-to-Face**, please click on the following link: [Working Group Face-to-Face Registration Website](#).

Due to an overlap with a major Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah, Sofia Member Conference and Operator Summit have been re-scheduled to a later date and Dallas Face-to-Face has been canceled.

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 18-22				Member Conference Sofia 8-12		
WMF Board of Directors			Big Island 21-22			Montreal 20-21				Sofia 10-11		
WMF Operator Summits	Buenos-Aires 30-31					Montreal 18-19		South Asia 21-22		Sofia 8-9	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.

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 January:

- **The WiMAX Forum presents WiMAX Buenos Aires 2012**
- **Freshtel to launch WiMAX in 8 cities**
- **Banglalion hits 200,000 WiMAX subscribers**
- **WiMAX ISP named Giraffe is now present in the biggest Ukrainian cities**
- **Taiwan market: WiMAX service subscribers exceed 130,000**
- **Africonnect Zambia calls on Airspan for WiMAX deployment**
- **Taiwan market: Tatung InfoComm under pressure to expand WiMAX Network**
- **Cellphone-Mate announces 4G WiMAX amplifier for all 4 major carriers**
- **Sequans powers new AAEON WiMAX tablet for KDDI in Japan**
- **Telecom to halt mobile network spending spree**

- **WiMAX Forum to speak at 2012 Wireless Symposium and WiExpo**
- **Digicel to go national with 4G network**
- **Wi-Fi and WiMAX deployment at the Ghana Ministry of Food and Agriculture**
- **Pakistan ends September 2011 with 1.66 million broadband subscribers**
- **Jordan Telecommunications report is now available**
- **Telecoms to earn \$2.7 trillion by 2017**
- **Freshtel expands WiMAX coverage further**
- **Zain Bahrain celebrates 8 years**
- **Altai Technologies enables New Year's Eve Countdown Super Wi-Fi services to Taiwan skyscraper**
- **Portable broadband device from Menatelecom**
- **Emaxx still considering Excell deal 6 months on**
- **Sequans Powers new Sharp WiMAX tablet in Japan**
- **PacStar lands \$12.2 million defense contract**
- **Operators need to look at end-to-end WiMAX**
- **Bulgaria awards 3 1800MHz licenses**
- **Skype adds 1,000 NY hotspots to its Wi-Fi footprint**
- **RAD unveils long-range fiber multiplexers for mobile backhaul**
- **Samsung Galaxy S II Epic Touch 4G voted best new 4G mobile device of 2011**
- **France gets 4 bids in 4G auction**
- **Taiwan market: Global Mobile launches own-brand dual-mode smartphone**
- **Fujitsu introduces ARROWS Z ISW11F smartphone**
- **UQ opens WiMAX girls campaign**