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SA Forum Announces 2009 Officers and New Members

*2009 leadership renews focus on raising awareness of applications
based on existing AIS implementations*

BEAVERTON, OR, January 27, 2009 — The Service Availability Forum™ (SA Forum), the organization developing open specifications for carrier-grade service availability, today announced the election of its 2009 officers and new members who have recently joined the SA Forum. The new officers will lead the organization to continue to enhance specifications for new functionality as well as promote and facilitate the adoption of SA Forum specs by the industry. The SA Forum will also accelerate its efforts to educate the communications and computing industries on how to use the specifications to implement high availability applications.

“During 2008, the SA Forum released its most comprehensive set of specifications to date, Release 6, enabling greater service availability, application portability and platform usability,” said Asif Naseem, SA Forum president. “On the heels of a very productive 2008, the SA Forum plans to tailor its efforts in 2009 to further the specification work as well as put sharper focus on the development and adoption of applications based on our robust specifications.”

The SA Forum unveiled several key high-availability and management-software interface specifications in 2008, laying the groundwork for an increased emphasis on industry adoption and application development. Release 6 features an enhanced set of specifications that for the first time addresses the interaction between hardware events and software entities. Release 6 introduced a new Platform Management Service (PLM) that bridges the SA Forum’s Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) and Application Interface Specification (AIS). The SA Forum also addressed Java in 2008 with the release of its Java Mapping specifications that provide a mapping of the AIS services to the Java language.

SA Forum Elects 2009 Officers

The following SA Forum officers will spearhead the organization’s efforts in 2009:

- Asif Naseem, GoAhead Software, has been re-elected as president
- Peter Heffernan, Sun Microsystems follows Jean-Paul Lauranson, Sun Microsystems, as secretary / treasurer
- Ulrich Kleber, Nokia Siemens Networks, has been re-elected as technical chair
- John Fryer, Emerson Network Power, has been re-elected as marketing chair

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- Alan Meyer, Hewlett-Packard, follows Bryan Harold, IBM, as compliance governing board chair

New Members Reflect Further Adoption of SA Forum Specs

The SA Forum builds its strength from the collaboration of its industry-leading member companies. The following new members will bring additional service availability expertise to the SA Forum in 2009:

- [Concordia University](#)
- [KDDI Labs](#)
- [Polaris Networks](#)
- [VirtualLogix](#)

“With new members comes a renewed vitality,” said Jim Lawrence, SA Forum member relations officer. “This broad membership provides a comprehensive view of service availability and enables the SA Forum to provide industry leadership.”

For more information about the SA Forum and the benefits of membership, visit www.saforum.org.

About the Service Availability Forum™

The Service Availability Forum™ is a consortium of industry-leading communications and computing companies working together to foster an ecosystem that enables the use of commercial off-the-shelf building blocks in the creation of high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services. To achieve this goal, the Service Availability Forum develops and publishes high availability and management software interface specifications while promoting and facilitating their adoption by industry. Service Availability Forum membership offers the opportunity to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. For more information, visit www.saforum.org.

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