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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.

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President's Message

During the past year, the SA Forum released two new sets of enhanced specifications, partnered with industry organizations to cultivate the COTS ecosystem, and welcomed several new members into the fold. Our members have spoken at numerous industry conferences and written several articles in various publications. We plan to carry this momentum into 2008 as we prepare for yet another set of enhanced specifications in Q1, updated education materials, and white papers on the horizon.

This year has been a significant year for AIS adoption. We have seen increased commercial availability of services specified by the AIS, as well as the appearance of AIS as a requirement from several equipment manufacturers. Just as HPI has provided solid commercial success as a foundation for a standardized platform management capability, AIS is poised to provide a compelling set of services for developers to design and implement highly available applications that are portable across middleware implementations from multiple providers. I fully expect the AIS industry adoption rate to accelerate in 2008 and, as such, the Service Availability Forum specification work to continue to significantly contribute in fostering a vibrant COTS ecosystem.

I'd like to thank everyone for the hard work you've all put into these projects throughout 2007. Here's to another successful year in 2008!

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2008 SA Forum Officers

The SA Forum elected its 2008 officers at the December members meeting. The 2008 officers are:

President – Asif Naseem, *GoAhead Software*
Technical Work Group Chair – Ulrich Kleber, *Nokia Siemens Networks*
Marketing Work Group Chair – John Fryer, *Motorola*
Secretary / Treasurer – Jean-Paul Lauranson, *Sun Microsystems*
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ISAS Call For Papers – Now Open!

The call for papers is now open for the fifth International Service Availability Symposium (ISAS). ISAS will take place May 19 – 21, 2008 at the Komaba Convention Hall at the University of Tokyo in Japan. Paper submissions are due by January 15, 2008. Chosen speakers will be notified by February 20, 2008. To download the call for papers, visit <http://www.rel.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/isas2008/index.html>.

Speaking Topics Include:

- Robust services and infrastructure design/modeling/evaluation
- Dependability and security requirements, design and test of services and SLA's
- Availability/reliability models for composable systems
- Service development, analysis, testing: models, environments, tools
- Dependable solutions based on Java
- Availability standards for service implementation, certification, support
- Service management: certification, rating, service agreements, support
- Interfaces for service implementers: usability, security and availability
- Modeling, measuring and implementing dependability and security of integrated information and communication services
- Virtualization technologies and dependable services
- User aspects of service availability: dependability, performance, security, privacy
- Dependability tools integrated in Eclipse environment
- Service discovery
- Service improvement and enhancement
- Highly available service system

Upcoming Events

Mountain View Alliance Communications Ecosystem Conference 2008

March 11-12, 2008

South San Francisco Convention Center

MVACEC '08 is an important conference for suppliers and customers at all levels of the supply chain to attend. It will address both the business and technical issues of adopting COTS-based systems. This is the only conference that brings together all the players in the communications infrastructure ecosystem to discuss the adoption of open specifications based equipment.

Learn more at www.mvacec.com

ISAS 2008

The 5th International Service Availability Symposium

May 19-21, 2008

Komaba Convention Hall, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

ISAS strives to bring together researchers and practitioners from different "service" related areas within both industry and academia. ISAS encourages original papers addressing problems of service availability at all layers.

Learn more at www.rel.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/isas2008/index.html

Recent News

- Press Releases:
 - [International Service Availability Symposium Announces 2008 Call for Papers](#)
 - [SA Forum and CP-TA Team Up to Drive Interoperable COTS Products](#)
 - [SA Forum's Release 5 Specifications Address Critical Areas of Security, Software Management and JAVA Integration](#)
 - [New Members Reflect Growing Adoption of SA Forum Specifications](#)
- Articles
 - [Open Standards - Working Together, Henry Turko and Jon Kenton, Telecommunication Online](#)

- [Latest Specification from SA Forum Enhance Middleware Services, Asif Naseem, RTC Magazine](#)

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