

## **Focus on Communications Forums?**

### **[Bluetooth SIG Adopts Version 4.2](#)**

Earlier this month the Bluetooth Special Interest Group adopted version 4.2 of the Bluetooth standard. Features of this latest update include improved privacy and faster speed. It also allows internet connectivity for Bluetooth Smart sensors.

### **[Broadband Forum Supports G.fast Standard](#)**

The Broadband Forum has added its support to the ITU-T's new ultra-broadband standard, G.fast, which enables speeds of up to 1 Gbps. G.fast is designed for applications such as 4K Ultra High-Definition TVs and is reportedly cheaper to deploy than FTTH.

### **[GSMA Reports Look at 5G, Mergers](#)**

The GSMA has released a new report, "Understanding 5G: Perspectives on Future Technological Advancements in Mobile." The report examines the 5G technical requirements and explores use-case scenarios.

### **[IEEE Releases Two New E-Health Standards](#)**

The IEEE Standards Association has approved two new e-health standards in the IEEE 11073? family and revised one earlier standard. The two new standards cover sleep apnea devices and continuous glucose monitors.

### **[ITU App Examines Electromagnetic Fields](#)**

The ITU has released a new app designed to allay public fears about electromagnetic fields, such as those from mobile networks. The ITU EMF Guide is currently accessible on desktops, tablets and smartphones via a web page; an actual app will be available in 2015.

### **[Internet Society Commits to Internet Governance Forum](#)**

The Internet Society has donated an additional US\$100,000 to the Internet Governance Forum via the IGF Support Association, which launched earlier this year. This is the second donation of this size the Society has made to the new support association.

### **[NGMN Announces New Chair, Board Members](#)**

Dr. Bruno Jacobfeuerborn from Deutsche Telekom has been appointed the new chairman of the Next Generation Mobile Networks Alliance. He and the rest of the Alliance's new board of directors will serve through 2016.

### **[TIA Looks to Cuba](#)**

The Telecommunications Industry Association says the proposed normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba could result in commercial opportunities for the telecommunications sector.

### **[TM Forum Announces IoT Digital Services Toolkit](#)**

The TM Forum this month announced the first version of a new Digital Services Toolkit for use with Internet of Things applications. The toolkit was developed in collaboration with Cisco, IBM, Microsoft and two dozen other enterprises.

### **[USB-IF Submits Two Standards to IEC](#)**

The USB Implementers Forum has expanded upon its existing standards cooperation agreement with the International Electrotechnical Commission. This time around, the USB-IF has submitted its USB Power Delivery and USB Type-C Cable and Connector specifications to the IEC.

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