

## April 2013 Industry News

### Focus on Forums...

#### **1394 TA Produces Video About FireWire & Professional Audio**

What does FireWire offer to people working on advanced audio applications? The 1394 Trade Association has produced an 8-minute video answering that very question. [More...](#)

#### **3GPP Publishes White Paper on LTE & Public Safety**

The upcoming Release 12 of the 3GPP LTE standards will support public safety requirements, according to a new white paper written by Iain Sharp and published by the 3GPP. The paper also discusses the need for countries to develop their plans regarding policy, commerce and spectrum use. [More...](#)

#### **Bluetooth SIG Announces Breakthrough Award Winners**

A device called Asthmapolis, which uses Bluetooth sensors and mobile apps to aid patients and doctors with the management of asthma symptoms, has been named the Breakthrough Product in the first Bluetooth Breakthrough Awards from the Bluetooth SIG. Swissmed Mobile's MedM Platform was named the Breakthrough Application, while the Tethercell battery adapter was named Breakthrough Prototype. [More...](#)

#### **Broadband Forum Adds Three New Board Members**

Representatives from Broadcom, Deutsche Telekom and Huawei have joined the board of directors of the Broadband Forum. The meeting where the board members were elected also included the distribution of the forum's annual Circle of Excellence award and three Leadership awards. [More...](#)

#### **Cloud Security Alliance Announces Two CSSK Training Events #1**

The Cloud Security Alliance will hold a CSSK training class April 8-10 in Reading, UK. The class is the first with the newly updated CSSK training curriculum. [More...](#)

#### **Cloud Security Alliance Announces Two CSSK Training Events #2**

In addition, CSSK training sessions will be held in Singapore during this May's CSA Congress APAC. [More...](#)

#### **Ethernet Alliance Elects 2013 Board**

Dell's John D'Ambrosia has been elected as the new chair of the Ethernet Alliance. Scott Kipp of Brocade will join him as president and treasurer. Six additional officers and board members were also elected. [More...](#)

#### **FTTH Council to Hold Community Toolkit Conference**

Methods for communities to go "from gigabit envy to gigabit deployed" will be discussed at the FTTH Council's Community Toolkit Conference May 29-30 in Kansas City. The event is targeted toward government and community officials and the companies that serve them. [More...](#)

#### **GSMA Announces Keynote Speakers**

The CEOs of KT Corp., Nokia Siemens Networks, NTT DOCOMO, Telecom Italia and Turk Telecom will all deliver keynote addresses at this June's GSMA Mobile Asia Expo in Shanghai.

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### **IEEE 802.22.1 Revision to Open Up Wireless Spectrum**

The IEEE Standards Association has launched a revision project for the IEEE 802.22.1 standard, a process which it says will "enable spectrum sharing in 2 GHz to 4GHz band and facilitate opening up of new spectrum to support a wide variety of wireless applications." [More...](#)

### **ITU Partners on Gender Empowerment**

The ITU has come on board as an "official partner and supporting agency of the Smart Woman mobile-based learning program," with the United Nations launched this month as part of its efforts to use broadband access as a platform for gender empowerment and education. The Smart Woman program is targeted to women business owners in urban and rural areas and offers lessons in communication skills, finance, health, and work/life balance issues. [More...](#)

### **Small Cell Forum Launches Release One**

In a move designed to spur operator deployments in the home market, the Small Cell Forum has released Small Cell Release One, covering "the complete body of work that operators will need to know in order to deploy residential femtocells." [More...](#)

### **TIA Moves to New, High-Tech Offices**

After many years in Clarendon, Virginia, the Telecommunications Industry Association has moved down the road a bit to its new high-tech offices in Arlington. The new office includes cutting-edge technology from TIA's member companies and is designed for information sharing and collaboration. [More...](#)

### **Wi-Fi Alliance and Wireless Gigabit Alliance Unify**

The Wi-Fi Alliance and the Wireless Gigabit Alliance have completed their previously announced merger. WiGig technology and certification will now be consolidated under the Wi-Fi Alliance.

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