AMID 'NEXT ETHERNET ERA,' ETHERNET ALLIANCE HOSTS
IEEE 802.3 INTERIM MEETING FOR SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW

Gathering highlights vectors of technology growth and provides Ethernet ecosystem with key platform for exchange of ideas and consensus building

BEAVERTON, OR, MAY 16, 2017 – The Ethernet Alliance, a global consortium dedicated to the continued success and advancement of Ethernet technologies, today announced it will host the next IEEE 802.3™ Interim Meeting, May 22-26, 2017, at the InterContinental Hotel New Orleans, Louisiana, United States. The meeting will highlight efforts in a multitude of IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standards and technologies that are scheduled to reach the market in the next six to 18 months, and the event will mark the sixth consecutive year that the Ethernet Alliance has hosted an IEEE 802.3 Interim Meeting.

"The next Ethernet era is underway. This IEEE 802.3 Interim Meeting comes amid a flow of next-generation Ethernet innovations from the equipment manufacturers, system and component vendors, test and measurement providers and other varied Ethernet stakeholders that our organization serves," said John D'Ambrosia, chair, Ethernet Alliance, and senior principal engineer, Huawei. "We are excited to host the gathering again, as it aligns perfectly with the Ethernet Alliance's commitment to the support of Ethernet standards and industry consensus building."

The IEEE 802.3 Interim Session will offer opportunities to advance and review work in a number of areas of innovation, including standards work underway across Ethernet speeds from 2.5Gb/s to 400Gb/s; the next generation of Power over Ethernet; industrial applications including a 10Mb/s Ethernet solution to operate over single balanced twisted-pair cabling; multi-gigabit solutions for automotive applications of Ethernet; YANG data models for more efficient management of Ethernet networks, and the next generation of Ethernet Passive Optical Network (EPON). In addition, potential future work will be discussed in three New Ethernet Application Ad Hoc, including beyond-10km optics for 50GbE/200GbE/400GbE, next-generation multi-mode fiber (MMF) and 100Gb/s electrical signaling.

For more information about the next IEEE 802.3 Interim Meeting, please visit http://ieee802.org/3/interims/may17/index.html. For more information about the Ethernet Alliance, please visit http://www.ethernetalliance.org, follow @EthernetAllianc on Twitter, visit the organization's Facebook page or join the EA LinkedIn group.

About the Ethernet Alliance

The Ethernet Alliance is a global consortium that includes system and component vendors, industry experts, and university and government professionals who are committed to the continued success and expansion of Ethernet technology. The Ethernet Alliance takes Ethernet standards to market by supporting activities that span from incubation of new Ethernet technologies to interoperability demonstrations and education.

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