

Subject: 802.16 Invite to SG 9 meeting Jan 15-21, 2004
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Roger,

Following discussions that have recently occurred with you, Dr. Green, and other participants from CableLabs, it has become clear that there is considerable interest in the possible application of the IEEE 802.16 standard to various Cable system wireless activities. We also believe that there is merit in creating an interaction of the 802.16 activities with that of ITU-T SG 9.

SG 9 (Integrated Broadband Cable Networks and Television and Sound Transmission) is the only Study Group in the ITU addressing the interests of Cable and as such has broad responsibility for developing global standards for Cable networks and applications. Notable examples are Recommendations J.112 and J.122, which provide the underlying technology for cable transmission, known as DOCSIS (Data over Cable System Interface Specification). And, building upon these recommendations a suite of about 19 Recommendations known internationally as IPCableCom has been developed by SG 9 that provides for a broad range of applications, such as voice, data and multimedia using the Internet Protocol and packet technology. This also feeds into Home Networks. It is felt that 802.16 would integrate nicely in the DOCSIS scheme. You might find it of interest to know that the DOCSIS international Recommendations, through the effects of international competition, have brought tremendous benefit to users as indicated by the fact that DOCSIS modems a few years ago cost more than \$500 and now are available at retail stores for less than \$50.

Fortunately, as I believe you know, there is to be a SG 9 meeting in Honolulu Jan 15-21, 2004 at the Sheraton Waikiki hotel. It would be a very appropriate time to begin the interaction of 802.16 and SG 9. Thus Dr. Green, who is not only the CEO of CableLabs but also the Chairman of SG 9, would like to invite you, and others of the 802.16 community you might deem desirable, to attend the meeting if at all possible. It would be very helpful in introducing the 802.16 to SG 9 and laying out ways to make most effective future progress and interaction of the two groups.

If you, or others, are able to attend, please let me know and I shall notify the ITU of Dr. Green's invitation and thus take care of meeting registration for you.

Regards,
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