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Foreword

The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium (“CalConnect”) is a global non-profit organization with the aim to facilitate interoperability of technologies across user-centric systems and applications.

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Introduction

Roundtable XI and the accompanying IOP Test Events took place February 6-8, 2008, hosted by Sun Microsystems in Menlo Park, California. The event was attended by 53 representatives from 25 organizations, including representatives from five observers (organizations attending a Roundtable to see if they wish to join). Two media representatives were also present by invitation to see the Technology Preview on Wednesday afternoon.

The CalConnect Interoperability Test Events (C.I.T.E.) were held immediately prior to the Roundtable, running all day Monday and Tuesday, February 4-5. Nine organizations participated in the regular IOP Test Event, performing interoperability testing between their calendaring and scheduling implementations. In parallel, CalConnect hosted its first Mobile Interoperability Test Event, attended by three organizations interested in conducting mobile calendaring tests. A total of 30 people attended the two IOP Test Events, including four observers. Reports on the IOP Test Events will be published as soon as possible.

Roundtable XI began Wednesday morning, and ran through early afternoon on Friday. Special events at Roundtable XI included

- A Technology Preview demonstrating live interoperability in the areas of CalDAV Scheduling, Server-Server, and Free/Busy URL. A presentation about this Technology Preview is available at Roundtable XI Technology Preview.
- Presentations on the Danish eKalendar.dk project from representatives of the Danish Government and of Cabo Communications, the prime contractor on the project. The presentations are available at Danish eKalendar Project and eKalendar from a Developer's Perspective.

The remainder of the Roundtable was dedicated to technical committee sessions, BOFs, and informal discussions and networking, with an all-hands Plenary meeting as the last item on Friday afternoon. The Technical Committee sessions were as usual organized sequentially, without competing parallel sessions, to allow all attendees who wished to be involved in the discussions of a Technical Committee the opportunity to do so.

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1. Update on Technical Committees and Initiatives

1.1. TC CALDAV

TC CALDAV reported on its work since the last Roundtable and on its plan to incorporate implicit scheduling into the CalDAV Scheduling Specification. Discussions were held in this area to clarify specific elements of implicit scheduling for the Technical Committee.

1.2. TC EVENTPUB

TC EVENTPUB reviewed the current state of the VVENUE proposal and initiated a discussion on whether the approach was correct, or whether we should be encouraging the appropriate extensions to vCard now that the IETF has undertaken a Working Group to revise the vCard RFC.

1.3. TC FREEBUSY

TC FREEBUSY reviewed work since the last Roundtable, especially work on Free/Busy URL and in preparing for the Technology Previews of CalDAV Scheduling, serverserver, and Free/Busy URL and discussed synergies with the Danish Government and the eKalender.dk project.

1.4. TC IOPTTEST

TC IOPTTEST reported on the IOP test events just completed, including the first Mobile Interoperability Test Event, discussed early plans to implement an issue-tracking mechanism, and decided to adopt a work item on a formal test suite and capabilities to support virtual IOP testing.

1.5. TC MOBILE

TC MOBILE presented its work since the publication of the Mobile Calendar Interoperability Test Suite, and discussed the first Mobile Calendar Interoperability Test Event just completed. Future directions in work for extending the test suite for vCard testing, and a focus on mobile requirements for CalDAV, were adopted into the work plan. TC MOBILE is also exploring having the next Mobile Interoperability Test Event in Europe, possibly in the autumn of 2008.

1.6. TC REALTIME

TC REALTIME presented and discussed its work on the REALTIME messaging protocol, Discovery, and Authentication and Authorization, and in particular needs for additional expertise in security within CalConnect to inform this work.

1.7. TC TIMEZONE

TC TIMEZONE presented the conceptual work to date for the registry and service proposals and led discussion on various elements of the proposals.

1.8. TC USECASE

The TC presented its in-progress work on Resources generating a lengthy discussion on the subject and some recommendations from other participants.

1.9. CalConnect Interoperability Test Event

Participants in the IOP test events included Apple, Kerio, Marware, Microsoft, Oracle, RPI (Bedework), Scalix, Sony Ericsson, Sun Microsystems and Zimbra. Results from the event will be posted at Past IOP Reports as soon as they are collated and prepared.

1.10. BOFS

BOF topics included CalDAV Implicit Scheduling, moving forward with a TC-XML, how to go forward with vCARD, and how to better support and attract European members.

1.11. New Initiatives

- CalConnect will initiate TC-XML in the area of XML representation of iCalendar data.
- CalConnect will support vCard via existing work within extant TCs plus a coordinating function in TC CHAIRS, but will not initiate a new TC for vCard at this time. The public vcard-workshop-I mailing list will be retained as a way of continuing to involve external participants in ongoing focus in this area.
- CalConnect is exploring offering an invitational “meet CalConnect” event in Europe later this year as a way to introduce potential members to the Consortium.
- CalConnect has initiated a Guest Speaker program to invite selected individuals to speak to CalConnect who are unlikely to attend Roundtables due to locale or work interests.

2. Future Meetings

- ROUNDTABLE XII: June 2-6, 2008, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
- ROUNDTABLE XIII: October 6-10, 2008, at Zimbra, Sunnyvale, California.
- ROUNDTABLE XIV: February 2-6, 2009, host and location to be determined.

The format of the CalConnect week is:

- Monday morning through Wednesday noon, C.I.T.E. (CalConnect Interoperability Test Events)
- Wednesday noon through Friday afternoon, Roundtable (presentations, TC sessions, BOFs, networking, Plenary).