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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 IV took place on 13-15 September, 2005, hosted by the Open Source Applications Foundation in San Francisco, California. The event was attended by 43 representatives from seventeen Consortium members and four observers. The Roundtable event consisted of two days of Technical Committee meetings, and an all-hands plenary meeting of the membership and attendees. The first two days, a CalConnect Interoperability Event was held in parallel with the Technical Committee meetings. The Technical Committee sessions were organized sequentially, 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 Initiatives

Published documents: The Consortium has published the Results of the Recurrence Questionnaire, the Results of the Timezone Questionnaire, and the CalDAV Use Cases document. The Min-IOP Use Cases Document, Timezone Recommendations, Timezone Registry/Resource Recommendations, Calendaring Glossary and others are in preparation.

TC-CALSIFY was disbanded as its function was duplicated by the TC-CHAIRS coordination committee.

TC-REALTIME will be rechartered and will act as a research TC to look at a variety of serverserver issues and determine whether specific work needs to be undertaken in the area.

TC-AUTHENTICATE (calendaring authentication and authorization) and **TC-MOBILE** (calendaring on mobile devices) were chartered at this Roundtable.

External Communications: The Consortium will be announcing an RSS feed for Calendaring issues and announcements in the next several weeks.

2. CalConnect Interoperability Event

Participants in the CalConnect Interoperability Event included EVDB, IBM, Isamet, Mozilla, Novell, Oracle, OSAF, RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) and Sun Microsystems. Results from the CalConnect Interoperability Event are posted at Past CalConnect Interoperability Event Reports.

3. Technical Committees

All CalConnect Technical Committees met during the course of the Roundtable to review their status and work to date with the entire set of attendees and to progress their work with the large input from the Roundtable. Of particular note:

TC-CALDAV has made its CalDAV test script available on the Consortium website (under "Resources").

TC-EVENTPUB will complete its survey at the end of September. TC members are investigating ways to extend iCalendar function in the area of location and are looking at alternatives including vCard.

TC-IOPTEST is accumulating a set of specific iCalendar and related test scripts with the plan to develop them, in addition to other purpose-developed material, into a test suite.

TC-RECURR intends to have results and recommendations by the next Consortium Roundtable, and make them available to the IETF CALSIFY working group at the November IETF meeting.

TC-TIMEZONE has completed its questionnaire on Timezone implementations and is developing a recommendations document on the results of the questionnaire, and another document on the subject of a Timezone Registry and a Timezone Resource.

4. Future Meetings

The next meeting (Roundtable V) will take place 09-12 January, 2006, hosted by Novell in Provo, Utah. Starting with this meeting, the CalConnect Interoperability Event will be conducted prior to the beginning of the Roundtable. Specifically the IOP event will begin on Monday the 9th, and continue on Tuesday morning the 10th, followed by the Roundtable from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon. (Participants found that trying to do both the CalConnect

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Interoperability Event and the Roundtable TC sessions in parallel weren't working very well.) The following meeting (Roundtable VI) will be held in mid-May; a host has not yet been established.