

Broadband Excellence Celebrated at 2011 InfoVision Awards

The world leaders in broadband technology and services were celebrated tonight as the winners of the Broadband InfoVision Awards 2011 were presented.

Huawei were the big winners of the night going home with three awards, while Vietnam Posts & Telecommunications Group secured the Changing Lives Award for its rural broadband project - Broadband Garden. Other winners included ZTE Corporation, YTL Communications, ASSIA, Alcatel-Lucent, PCCW Media and Freescale.

The Broadband InfoVision Awards have long been established as the industry's most prestigious recognition of excellence in the broadband marketplace. For the second year running, the Gala Dinner Awards ceremony was held tonight aboard the Bateau Diamant on the river Seine in Paris.

The full list of winners is as follows:

Best New Service

YTL Communications Sdn Bhd - Yes 4G network powered by YTL
YTL Communications' Yes 4G network provides access through a 'Yes ID' rather than a SIM card. Multiple devices are able to log on to the network using the same Yes ID, which has a Malaysian mobile number associated with it.

Broadband Access Network Technologies and Services - Fixed

ASSIA DSL Expresse

ASSIA's DSL Expresse software optimises the operating parameters for each DSL line and provides detailed line-level and network-level diagnostics for both the copper plant and DSL service.

Broadband Access Network Technologies and Services - Wireless

Alcatel-Lucent - lightRadio

Alcatel-Lucent's lightRadio portfolio of solutions is designed to enable mobile operators to meet customer demand for increased mobile data whilst reducing energy consumption and cutting operating costs.

Broadband Network and Services management and Operations

Huawei intelligent ODN-iODN

Huawei's intelligent Optical Distribution Network (iODN) solution enables a carrier to automatically document and monitor their Optical Distribution Network and gain deep insights into the ODN's topology, facilitating a shorter time-to-market and reduced operating expenditure.

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Content, Entertainment, Applications and Services

Huawei IPTV

Huawei's MediaCloud On-Demand Platform optimises multi-screen video delivery and smoothly integrates telecommunications, broadcasting and Internet services enabling telcos and MSOs to deliver new experiences and capture new revenues by providing their customers with interactive multi-screen services, delivered through a variety of channels.

Broadband Home: Appliances, Devices, Home Networks & Services

PCCW Media Limited - Stargazr

The PCCW Media Stargazr IPTV user interface integrates programme listings, on-demand videos, interactive services and personalisation streamlining the TV experience with an easy-to-use remote control and onscreen interface.

Enabling Silicon and Component-Level Technologies

Freescale Secure Broadband Gateway solutions speed time to market.

Freescale Semiconductor's Secure Broadband Gateway solutions is designed to meet the widespread demand from both the enterprise and consumer markets for networking solutions which are secure and have lots of bandwidth yet are easy to use and always on.

Core & Metro Network Innovation and Advances

ZTE Corporation - iOTN - ZTE End-to-End Seamless OTN Transport Solution

ZTE's End-to-End Seamless OTN Transport Solution (iOTN) is designed to help operators build an end-to-end, seamless OTN-transport platform

Broadband Innovation of the Year

Huawei 200G line card

Huawei's 200G line card for its high-end routers is powered by the Huawei-developed Solar Application Specific Integrated Circuit chipset Solar 2.0 and features high-density and flexible combinations of 10GE and 100GE interfaces with 200Gbps wire-speed forwarding capacity.

Changing Lives Award

Vietnam Posts & Telecommunications Group

Vietnam Posts & Telecommunications Group (VNPT) secured the Changing Lives Award for its "Broadband Garden" project, which seeks to bring broadband services to the country's rural areas, where 70% of the population live. The company has committed US\$10mn worth of investment to the project, and particularly hopes to give young people in rural areas the chance to use broadband services to access education, networking and other information services.

The Broadband InfoVision Awards are judged by a panel of influential C-level professionals from some of the world's leading operators, including China Telecom, Korea Telecom, Deutsche Telekom Group and Etisalat.

Gavin Whitechurch, director of the Broadband World Forum, commented: "Each year the standard of entries never fails to impress and this year the judges had a truly global shortlist to work through from all areas of the broadband community."

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The Broadband InfoVision Gala Dinner Awards ceremony took place last night on the evening of day one of the 2011 Broadband World Forum. The three day event, being held at the CNIT in Paris, features more than 300 leading industry speakers including Kevin Lo, General Manager at Google, Olivier Baujard, Chief Technology Officer at Deutsche Telekom Group, Malcolm Turnbull, Australia's Shadow Minister for Broadband and Communications and Dan Taylor, Director of Innovation, British Gas Smart Homes.

Last week it was announced that the Broadband World Forum would move to a larger venue in Amsterdam in 2012 to better support the significantly growing delegate and speaker demand.

Gavin added: "Congratulations to all our winners tonight. The range of companies and service areas represented highlights perfectly how technology in the broadband industry is developing and growing so rapidly. I'm already looking forward to next year's event at our new venue at the RAI Amsterdam."

For more information on the InfoVision Awards and the Broadband World Forum, please visit www.broadbandworldforum.com [1].

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