

## ETHERNET ALLIANCE HOSTS MAY 2015 IEEE 802.1 / IEEE 802.3 JOINT INTERIM MEETING

*Ethernet's growing diversity and expanding range of standardization projects to take center stage at latest gathering of IEEE 802 community*

**BEAVERTON, OR, MAY 18, 2015** – The [Ethernet Alliance](#), a global consortium dedicated to the continued success and advancement of Ethernet technologies, today announced it is hosting the next [IEEE 802.1 / IEEE 802.3™ joint interim session](#), May 18 – 22, 2015, at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. During the five-day meeting, the IEEE 802® community will be taking up a number of discussion topics and issues, including Ethernet's swift diversification into new markets and application spaces, the technology's extended [roadmap](#), and the growing support for standardization of 2.5 Gigabit Ethernet and 5 Gigabit Ethernet over current Cat 5e and Cat 6 cabling infrastructures.

“We're in the midst of another period of dynamic growth and change, which is bringing Ethernet into an expanding array of markets and applications. There's a lot of work being done and still to be done in addressing emerging areas like Ethernet's support for the next generation of wireless access points, the Internet of Things, connected cars, higher speeds of Ethernet, and more,” said [John D'Ambrosia](#), chairman, Ethernet Alliance, and chief Ethernet evangelist, Dell. “As the industry voice of Ethernet, the Ethernet Alliance is pleased to be hosting the May 2015 IEEE 802.1 / IEEE 802.3 joint interim. We look forward to a very productive event that will help drive additional dialog and set the stage for continued, long-term Ethernet technology innovation.”

Additionally this week, the Ethernet Alliance will host the “*Ethernet 104: Introduction to 2.5G/5G BASE-T Ethernet*” webinar on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 10am PDT. With some 70 billion meters of Cat 5e and Cat 6 cabling – enough to encircle the Earth nearly 1,750 times – sold since 2003, support for the need for 2.5G/5G BASE-T standardization is growing. Anyone interested in learning more about efforts to develop a 2.5G/5G BASE-T standard are invited to attend the webinar. Additional information is available, and registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/Ethernet104>

For more information about the next IEEE P802.3 / IEEE 802.1 joint interim session, please visit [http://bit.ly/IEEE802\\_MayInterim](http://bit.ly/IEEE802_MayInterim). For more information about the Ethernet Alliance please visit <http://www.ethernetalliance.org>, follow [@EthernetAllianc](#) on Twitter, visit its [Facebook](#) page, or join the EA [LinkedIn](#) group. Individuals who would like to receive updates on Ethernet Alliance news, activities and events may sign up for the organization's newsletter at <http://www.ethernetalliance.org/ethernet-alliance-newsletter>.

### About the Ethernet Alliance



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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.

For more information about the Ethernet Alliance, please visit [www.ethernetalliance.org](http://www.ethernetalliance.org); follow [@EthernetAlliance](https://twitter.com/EthernetAlliance) on Twitter; visit the Ethernet Alliance [Facebook](#) page; or join the Ethernet Alliance [LinkedIn group](#). Individuals who would like to receive updates on Ethernet Alliance news, activities and events may sign up for the organization's newsletter at [www.ethernetalliance.org/newsletter](http://www.ethernetalliance.org/newsletter).

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