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Report on CalConnect Conference XXXVIII, February 15-17, 2017

CalConnect XXXVIiI took place on February 15-17, 2017, hosted by the University of California, Irvine, in Irvine, California   The CalConnect Test Event (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning) and Conference (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday) were held at the UC Irvine campus.

The CalConnect Conference was attended by 21 people from 13 members The Test Event had 13 participants from 8 members.

The Conference focussed on strategic and possible work items in addition to ongoing work, and finished with the CalConnect Plenary Session on Friday afternoon. The Conference agenda with notes on the discussion topics may be found at CalConnect XXXVIII Conference Schedule.

STATUS OF DOCUMENTS SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

Much of the ongoing work in CalConnect is focused on specifications to become internet draft submissions to the IEETF and ultimately be progressed to publication as RFCs (Proposed Standards), rather than directly published by CalConnect itself.

Specifications in progress and not yet published are generally resident on GitHub either in our public or private areas.

Published Documents
• Report on CalConnect Conference XXXVII in Dresden
• Report on Interoperability Test Event XXXVII in Dresden

CalConnect Specifications Published as Internet Standards (RFCs)
• RFC 7986 New Properties for iCalendar

CalConnect Specifications Accepted for Publication as Internet Standards

• Use of the Prefer Header Field in Web Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV)

CalConnect Drafts in progress by CALEXT WG at IETF
• Event Publishing Extensions to iCalendar (TC CALENDAR)
• Improved Support for iCalendar Relationships (TC CALENDAR
• CalDAV Managed Attachments (TC CALENDAR)

New and Updated CalConnect Drafts at the IETF
• Internet Calendar Scheduling Protocol (iSchedule) ((TC CALENDAR)
• Calendar Subscription Upgrades (TC SHARING)
• Support for Series in iCalendar (TC CALENDAR)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORK AND INITIATIVES GOING FORWARD

Note: Several dormant TCs were closed at the CalConnect XXXVIII Plenary and their work program (if any outstanding) and outstanding drafts if any merged into other TCs.

TC API

Working on a new key/value based data model. Much of the work is done and the remainder will continue. Work will be expanded to include VTODOs (i.e. Tasks Extensions to iCalendar) and perhaps contacts. Next steps are implementations, develop specification and submit to IETF.

TC AUTODISCOVERY

Draft update in progress

TC CALDAV

VPATCH and VINSTANCE are mature enough to begin implementation and testing. Enhanced Sync draft starting to stabilize. Closed and merged into TC CALENDAR.

TC CALENDAR established to further work across iCalendar, iMIP, iTIP, CalDAV, etc. and outstanding work merged to TC CALENDAR. Will initially focus on iSchedule, VPATCH, VINSTANCE, Enhanced Synd.

TC DEVGUIDE

New iMIP section being developed. Established tracking with Google Analytics and implemented the CNAME change for devguide.calconnect.org.

TC EVENTPUB

Closed and merged into TC CALENDAR.

TC FREEBUSY

Closed and merged into TC CALENDAR.

TC FSC

Closed and merged into TC SHARING.

TC IMIP

Closed and merged into TC CALENDAR.

TC IOPTEST

Conducted Interoperability Testing and Developer's Forum event at CalConnect XXXVIII. (Interoperability Test Event has been rebranded as Test Event and Developers' Forum; significant technical discussions now taking place during the forum.) See separate report on Test Event at CalConnect XXXVIII.

TC ISCHEDULE

Closed and merged into TC CALENDAR.

TC PUSH

Draft to be published to the IETF after minor updates.

TC RESOURCE

Closed and merged into TC SHARING.

TC SHARING

Published new draft of Calendar Subscription Upgrades. Substantial interest from several members.

TC TASKS

Closed and merged into TC CALENDAR.

PC-SEC

Closed; program of work added to TC VCARD.

PLENARY DECISIONS

• TC CALENDAR created to carry on work across iCalendar, iMIP, iTIP, CalDAV areas.
• Dormant TCs closed and merged into TC CALENDAR (EVENTPUB, FREEBUSY, IMIP, ISCHEDULE, TASKS), TC SHARING (FSC), TC VCARD (RESOURCE).
• ical4j adhoc will continue as active ad hoc committee; no expectation of becoming TC as should be short-lived.
• CalConnect XXXIX in Seattle will be moved a week later to June 12-16 due to schedule conflicts.

FUTURE EVENTS

CalConnect XXXIX: June 5-9, 2017 - Tandem, Seattle, Washington
CalConnect XL- September 25-29, 2017, Open-Xchange, Cologne, Germany
CalConnect XLI and later - TBD

The general format of the CalConnect Week is:
Monday morning through Wednesday noon, Developer's Forum (testing, tech discussions)
Wednesday noon through Friday afternoon, Conference

PICTURES FROM CALCONNECT XXXVIII

All pictures courtesy of Thomas Schäfer, 1&1