

Conference to tackle broadband battle

The broadband battle between Internet service providers (ISPs), consumers and providers; the emerging mobile Internet and domain name dispute resolution will be among the issues tackled at the sixth iWeek conference and exhibition to be held 5-7 September 2007 in Johannesburg.

The Internet Service Providers' Association of SA (ISPA) and UniForum SA's annual industry get together will see technologists, product leaders and decision makers descending on the Campus in Bryanston to debate issues while solutions providers showcase their wares at the exhibition.

"iWeek provides an opportunity for ISPs, industry players and network operators to meet and catch up on the latest developments affecting the industry," says Ant Brooks, ISPA GM.

International speakers

This year's international speakers include CEO of Ignite Consulting & Ignite Technologies Njeri Rionge, co-founder and chief strategy officer of the Cloud Niall Murphy, contributing scientist on CenterGate's UltraDNS Bill Manning, as well as senior legal counsel for Nominet UK Nick Wenban-Smith. Access will be provided to speakers' presentations, providing insight into local and international trends.

ISPs such as DataPro, Verizon, Internet Solutions, iBurst, MTN NS, Neotel and Storm Telecom will provide information including resale and other opportunities available to the industry.

Specific topics to be discussed at iWeek include Triple-play in the Townships, the Nominet DRS and ZA Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process, as well as online phishing and e-Evidence.

Awards

As in previous years, the "Super Teacher of the Year" awards will also take place at iWeek. The awards recognise teachers that have participated in ISPA's "Train the Teacher's" project and successfully imparted their newly-acquired knowledge to their local communities.

Gold sponsors include DataPro and Verizon Business, Silver sponsors Storm Telecom and MTN Network Solutions, and Bronze sponsor Crovanto.

Attendance at iWeek is free, although delegates are required to register at www.ispa.org.za/iweek/2007/ prior to the conference. iWeek will also play host to the members-only ISPA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the last day.

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