Wireless Innovation Forum Selected by National Science Foundation to Host EARS Principal Investigators Meeting

Event to Dovetail with WInnComm 2016 in March

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Washington, DC, 22 December 2015 – The Wireless Innovation Forum, a non-profit international industry association dedicated to driving the future of radio communications and systems worldwide, today announced that is has been chosen by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to host the National Science Foundation Enhancing Access to Radio Spectrum Program Principal Investigators (NSF EARS PI) meeting. The event will take place at the time of the Forum's annual technical conference, WInnComm 2016, March 14-17 in Reston, Virginia.

"Collocation of the EARS PI meeting with WInnComm will provide the EARS PIs with access to a primary user community for the type of research being performed under the EARS Program, including Radio Manufacturers, System Integrators, Procurement Authorities and End User Representatives in commercial, civil and defense markets," said Lee Pucker, Wireless Innovation Forum CEO. "We hope this exchange of information will help accelerate the realization of the EARS program goals to improve the efficiency with which the radio spectrum is utilized. Such improvements will have significant impact to the nation and the world by improving access to limited spectrum resources for current and new wireless technologies."

EARS seeks to fund innovative collaborative research that transcends the traditional boundaries of existing programs, such as research that spans disciplines covered by two or more of the participating NSF directorates: Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS); Engineering (ENG); and Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE). These directorates are coordinating efforts to identify bold new concepts with the potential to contribute to significant improvements in the efficiency of radio spectrum utilization, protection of passive sensing services, and in the ability for traditionally underserved Americans to benefit from current and future wireless-enabled goods and services.

As an organization devoted to advocating for the innovative use of spectrum and advancing radio technologies that support essential or critical communications worldwide, the Forum found the EARS PI meeting to fit in seamlessly with its WInnComm program that includes three topic focused days: Connecting Research with Spectrum Policy, SDR/SCA Development Tools, and SDR Platforms. Representatives attending the conference will gain access to some of the latest research in spectrum sharing and dynamic spectrum access through interactions with the EARS PIs.

In addition to the three focus days, WInnComm will feature Keynote and Panel Sessions with presentations from industry experts, technical sessions presenting peer reviewed papers that provide a perspective on the current state of the art in reconfigurable radio technology and the practical commercialization of these technologies, future trends or technology innovations, and an Innovation Showcase featuring demonstrations of emerging products and technologies.

The complete program for WInnComm can be found here: http://www.conference.wirelessinnovation.org/2016-program.

You can learn more about EARS here: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503480.

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About the Wireless Innovation Forum
Established in 1996, The Wireless Innovation Forum (SDR Forum Version 2.0) is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation dedicated to advocating for spectrum innovation, and advancing radio technologies that support essential or critical communications worldwide. Members bring a broad base of experience in Software Defined Radio (SDR), Cognitive Radio(CR) and Dynamic Spectrum Access (DSA) technologies in diverse markets and at all levels of the wireless value chain to address emerging wireless communications requirements. To learn more about The Wireless Innovation Forum, its meetings and membership benefits, visit www.WirelessInnovation.org.

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