IEEE Conformity Assessment Program

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Understanding Conformity Assessment

- What is Conformity Assessment?
  - Conformity Assessment is defined as the process or processes that are used to demonstrate that a product or service meets specified requirements (set forth in Standards, Test Plans, etc.)
- Conformity Assessment Activities Include:
  - Conformance, Interoperability, Inspection, Accreditation
  - "Catch-all" term to address range of test-related activities
- Demand Driver for successful implementation
  - User should require IEEE certified products or implementations

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Benefits of Implementing a Conformity Assessment Program

- Benefits of conformance test before deployment/implementation
  - Resolves interpretation differences
  - Early identification of non-conformances
  - Exact functionality of the protocol is identified
  - Multi-vendor solutions will have interoperability issues – helps addressing those
  - New offerings will have bugs – helps catching those

- Provides assurance and confidence a product or service meets requirements
- Empowers the user to make better purchasing decisions
- Establishes a baseline for performance expectation
- Establishing a baseline for future improvement and enhancements
- Eases interoperability

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Formation of SCASC

- In March 2012, ICAP co-hosted Synchrophasor Workshop with Washington State University (WSU)
  - Idea of developing a certification program based on IEEE 37.118 std was socialized with participants
  - Consensus to investigate the advantages and viability of a synchrophasor conformity assessment program
- IEEE-ISTO formalizes the Synchrophasor Conformity Assessment Steering Committee (SCASC) in Q2 2013
  - Allen Goldstein, NIST was elected as chair
  - Participation from industry stakeholders
  - Press Release issued - http://bit.ly/162q1Tf

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Role of SCASC

- Create a Test Plan for Synchrophasor Testing based on IEEE C37.118.1
  - SCASC determined the need for a Test Suite Specification (TSS)
  - IEEE C37.118.1 & PC 37.242 were reviewed
  - TSS development began in H1 2013

- Lab Qualification Checklist
  - To be used for auditing test laboratories

- Test Report Template – Creation & Approval

- Review and approve program governing documents
  - Certification Program Policy
  - Certification Agreement
  - Test Lab Agreement
  - Certificate, registry and Certification Mark (usage guidelines)

- Test Program Effectiveness
  - Feedback loop from program participants and end users (utilities)

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Test Suite Specification (TSS)

- TSS development led by Allen Goldstein ongoing with monthly teleconferences with SCASC members

- Draft 1 to be circulated to SCASC and wider audience for review and comments

- Approval Process
  - SCASC – Subject Matter Expert Approval
  - ICAP Steering Committee – Approve TSS for certification program use

- ICAP to look into further coordination with SGIP 2.0 SGTCC

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IEEE Conformity Fostering Update

- The following programs are currently being fostered
  - IEEE C37.118.1 – Synchrophasors
  - IEEE C37.238 & IEEE 1588 – Timing & Sync in Power Systems
  - IEEE C37.111 – COMTRADE
    - H26 Task Force met in Albuquerque
    - H26 WG has been formed to develop Test Plan
    - COMTRADE CASC to be formed
  - IEEE C37.240 – Cybersecurity for Substation Automation
    - Support from NERC
    - Task Force to be setup and will meet in 01/2014

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Future Meetings

- F2F meeting planned for
  - January 12 in New Orleans, LA
  - May 11 in Fort Lauderdale, FL
  - September 8, Milwaukee, WI
- Program Launch Event in H2 2014
  - Venue - TBD
  - To include workshop to introduce TSS

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Thank You

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