



SIMALLIANCE NEWS RELEASE

SIMALLIANCE INTEROPERABILITY PROGRESS HELPS TO DRIVE A COMMON WIRELESS INDUSTRY APPROACH

Paris, 18 November 2003 - Significant progress in SIM card interoperability during 2003 with the release of new tools and a successful card and applications testing event marks the success of SIMAlliance in defining a common wireless industry approach to mobile network operator challenges. Over the past four years, SIMAlliance, a collaboration of the leading SIM card manufacturers, has helped to establish an industry conformity in SIM-based services, delivery tools and systems such as a global SIM-browsing standard ([S@T](#)) and Java Card™ SIM interoperability.

Interoperability received a significant boost during 'Smart Week' - a series of activities around the Java Card SIM which took place in Sophia Antipolis 20-22 October. Over 70 engineers from 15 countries, representing operators, SIM card and mobile manufacturers, content providers and developers, participated in the third ETSI Plugtests to test interoperability of SIM cards. Feedback from operators was that the Java Card SIM has become a stable platform for the deployment of new applications.

Key achievements for SIMAlliance in 2003 include :

- Working with operators and other industry associations to integrate the SIM card API in the newly published specifications for Java-enabled mobile handsets
- Operator workshops to facilitate a common approach to standardised open operating systems
- Release of new interoperability guidelines, SIM test suite and applet checker and loader tools to improve Java Card SIM interoperability
- Establishment of a workgroup working together closely with the GSM Association / Global Certification Forum to improve SIM-handset interoperability.

To meet rising industry demand for centralized marketing and lobbying actions, SIMalliance goes into 2004 with a strengthened organization chaired by Philippe Vallée, Senior Manager within the SIM card industry with nearly 15 years' telecommunications experience and a General Secretary – Herve Pierre - who will manage and co-ordinate day-to-day activities of SIMalliance.

About SIMalliance

SIMalliance is a non-profit organization of leading SIM card manufacturers (Axalto, Gemplus, Giesecke & Devrient, Oberthur, ORGA Kartensysteme, Prism, ST Incard and Xponcard) created to promote the benefits of SIM cards and SIM-based services and to provide open and interoperable solutions for mobile service deployment.

SIMalliance:

- Acts as an incubator for SIM card enhancements to be proposed to standardization bodies and industry forums
- Boosts adoption of innovative and interoperable SIM card solutions
- Eases the integration of the SIM card in the new mobile data architecture and services landscape

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