On January 30 - February 2, the SMI-Lab held its first plugfest of 2012. The well-attended event was held at the SNIA Technology Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Goal: Common documentation for mutual authentication**

Jim Davis, WBEM Solutions, led the plugfest, as well as a Certificate Configuration discussion to define best practices for documenting mutual authentication. The goal of the discussion was to gather material for a document that will help vendors provide instructions for generating or installing a method of mutual authentication. Ensuring that vendors use the same terminology as in SMI-S (especially the Architecture book) was one concern.

**Testing indications with the Microsoft Client**

Nilesh Maheshwari, NetApp, attended the plugfest again—this time with the goal of testing indications over SSL with the Microsoft client. He also tested mutual authentications and resolved issues with the NetApp Data ONTAP SMI-S agent 4.x.

**Appreciation time**

The plugfest appreciation dinner was held at Marigold’s Restaurant, courtesy of the SMI-Lab. Troy Biegger presented *SMI Outstanding Contributor Awards* to plugfest attendees Hector Linares, Microsoft, and Jim Davis, WBEM Solutions. Madhu Jujare, Microsoft, received his award at the SNIA Winter Symposium.

**Participating Companies**

- Dell | Compellent
- Dot Hill Systems
- EMC
- Hewlett-Packard
- Hitachi Data Systems
- Inova Development
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- SAV Innovations
- SNIA
- WBEM Solutions

**Plugfest Themes: Indications, Security, Job Control**

**2012 Plugfest Schedule**

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