On May 19-22, 2014, the SMI-Lab was again truly international—and well attended! Microsoft hosted parallel plugfests in its Silicon Valley Campus in Mountain View, California and the Microsoft China Shanghai Technology Park in Shanghai, China. The plugfest had one of SMI-Lab’s highest attendance counts—with about 70 attending in person, including 20 in Shanghai.

Participating Member Companies
- Cisco Systems
- Dell Compellent
- Dot Hill Systems
- EMC
- Fujitsu
- Futurewei Technology
- Hewlett-Packard
- Hitachi Ltd.
- Hitachi Data Systems
- Huawei
- IBM
- Inova Development
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- Nimble Storage
- Red Hat
- SNIA
- Virtual Instruments
- WS

May Plugfest Themes: Remote Replication, NAS Management

First-timer report: Cisco’s Michael Ayres

Michael Ayres, Cisco, attended his first plugfest, in Mountain View, with returning colleague, Makarand Deshmukh. Mike reports:

“I had a great time at the plugfest. My plan was simply to meet a few folks, ask some questions, and get some traces. All successfully completed. The host (Microsoft) was quite gracious, and the spaces comfortable. I would suggest that new member registration include a recommendation to get lab access set up before an event.”

Meetings in Shanghai

The plugfest is...

"...a great opportunity for companies to collaborate on addressing storage management problems. Attendees learn about SMI and SMI-S hands on. The event is great for developers and testers alike. Based on our experience, the plugfest is all about productivity. Four days at a plugfest replaces months of emails and conference calls."

- Hector Linares, Principal Program Manager at Microsoft, attendee in Shanghai

Plan ahead...

2014 Plugfests:
- August 18 - 21
- October 20 - 23
- December 1 - 4

SMI-Lab 14 Plugfest #4
August 18 - 21, 2014
SNIA Tech Center
Register at www.snia.org/smilab

Thank you for hosting, Microsoft!

"...three different time zones"

James Rigger, Conformance Testing Programs (CTP) Manager at SNIA attended in Mountain View.

"We had a video link which was very useful for having each of the groups be able to associate a face to the voices and names they hear so often. We also had participants from Washington and Colorado, so we were virtually meeting in three different time zones. We were able to discuss some technical issues that SMI-S clients would like to have addressed so that SMI-S would be easier to work with."

For information about SMI and SMI-Lab membership, visit www.snia.org/smi.