On October 24 - 27, 2016, the SMI-Lab held plugfests at the SNIA Technology Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and at the Microsoft India Development Center in Hyderabad, India.

**October Plugfest Topics**
- SMI-S CTP Security
- PyWBEM
- Microsoft Windows Server/System Center 2016 Validations

**New format for January Plugfest #1**
This plugfest will span a two-week period starting with virtual meetings and finishing with face-to-face testing and meetings. Watch for more details.

**Register**
- January 24: Plugfest Kick-off (virtual)
- January 25-26: Environment Prep (virtual)
- January 26: Advanced Presentation (Virtual)
- January 30-Feb. 3: Interoperability Testing week (Face-to-face)

**Participating Companies**
- Dell EMC
- Fujitsu
- HPE
- Inova Development
- Microsoft
- NetApp
- Pure Storage
- Science Logic
- SNIA

**Meetings/Activities**
- Daily status meetings
- US/India Joint Synch-up Meetings
- SMI-S Security Requirements Review
- CTP Testing Update
- PyWBEM Update
- Pegasus Update
- Marketing Activity Briefing
- Bug meetings
- Team-building Dinner

**Pure Storage: Leveraging with client supporters**

**Rob Barker (“Barkz”), Pure Storage**, has attended previous plugfests, but this was his first at the SNIA Technology Center. His report...

“Pure Storage attended the October Plugfest to work on partner validation for Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager 2016. It would have been great to have more companies there to collaborate and help each other on issues. I was finally able to connect faces to the email addresses and spend time talking with John, Tom, James, and Karl."

“I learned a lot of the SMI-Lab setup and how Pure Storage can leverage with client supporters more effectively. I was able to provide feedback about the virtualization infrastructure PoC and even provide a Pure Storage FlashArray to help the effort. I wished there would have been some time to discuss Swordfish. I have been involved in Swordfish development in the Scalable Storage Management Technical Working Group (SSM TWG) meetings and providing feedback, and after being at this plugfest, I plan on attending more SSM TWG meetings and providing feedback.”

**2017 Plugfests**
- January 24 - February 3
  (See details above.)
- April 10 - 13
- August 14 - 17
- October 16 - 19

**We keep in touch during the Plugfests - with Slack.**

SMI-Lab plugfests are open to members of the Storage Management Initiative. If your company is not a current member, visit www.snia.org/smi.

**Report from India**

**Shridhar Diwan, Microsoft**, reported on his experience at the plugfest in Hyderabad, India:

“Our goal was to validate the latest GA release of Windows Server 2016/System Center 2016 VMM bits against the various partners’ SMI-S providers. We managed to get this validation going with multiple partners at this plugfest. There were three partners attending from SNIA labs in Colorado Springs and one attending from Microsoft, India.“

“Overall, in spite of the time zone differences, we managed to get some validation done by working late nights (both the partners as well as Microsoft team doing late nights). We have continued the engagement with the partners post the plugfest and are reaching closer to certifying them.”

Attendees regularly count on **Karl Schopmeyer, Inova Development Inc.**, for troubleshooting and updates on PyWBEM and Pegasus. He’s the expert and has attended most plugfests in the U.S., including this one.