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Sydney, AUSTRALIA – 24 May 2012 – AARNET has today announced that it has joined NRENum.net, a consortium of national research and education networks that have agreed on common standards and interconnectivity to facilitate the delivery of international voice and video over IP services, in a move that will extend the reach and simplicity of online collaborations worldwide.

All educational facilities that are currently connected to the AARNET 3 Network and AARNET's Unified Communication eXchange will now be able to make seamless dialling for video calls via NRENum.net to connect across three continents with thirteen countries in Europe, two in South America and one in Asia (Australia) to be able to connect onto academic and research institutions that are participating in this service.

"AARNET and NRENum.net is a strategic commitment," said James Sankar, Director, Applications & Services, AARNET. "This new venture will make the end user experience easier to connect with other academic institutions globally which will reduce the need for concierge managed services or specialist video rooms that may require an on-site operator to deliver a quality collaboration experience."

Connecting AARNET to the NRENum.net service is seen as an important step forward for AARNET customers to be able to take advantage of AARNET's international capacity and to use rich media collaboration services to deliver educational services or global research team work via AARNET acting as a trusted broker who can manage voice and video call routing on customer's behalf.

"Allowing AARNET customers to connect via AARNET's eXchange will enable our customers to maintain their choice to connect from their phone, unified communications client, video or Telepresence room, except we have gone from national to global reach," continues Sankar.

AARNET continues to work closely with our partners; video conferencing manufacturers, global education and research networks and commercial carriers via The Open Visual Communications Consortium (OVCC), to deliver ubiquitous communications based services far and wide.

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About AARNET

AARNET Pty Ltd (APL) is the company that operates Australia's Academic and Research Network (AARNET). It is a not-for-profit company limited by shares. The shareholders are 37 Australian universities and the CSIRO. AARNET provides high-capacity leading edge Internet services for the tertiary education and research sector communities and their research partners. AARNET serves more than one million end users who access the network through local area networks at member institutions. For further information, please visit: www.aarnet.edu.au.

About NRENum.net

NRENum.net is a global ENUM (Electronic Number Mapping) service for academia coordinated by TERENA (Trans-European Research and Education Networking Association). It is recognised as a valid and complementary alternative to the Golden ENUM Tree (e164.arpa) and provides countries with the possibility to publish ENUM data. NRENum.net uses special DNS (Domain Name System) record types to translate a telephone number into a URI (Uniform Resource Identifier) or IP (Internet Protocol) address that can be used in Internet communications.

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