



Codian Releases Industry-Leading Video Conferencing Management Suite

Successful AARNET Pilot Delivers National Video Conferencing Service for Australian Universities

SYDNEY, Australia

— 9 July 2007 — Codian, the fastest growing voice and video communications infrastructure company, has announced the release in Australia of the Codian Management Platform™, a suite of products that drastically simplifies the way users manage their video conferences. www.codian.com www.aarnet.edu.au .

The Codian Management Platform has been piloted extensively by AARNET, Australia's Research and Education Network, which is using it to meet a growing demand for hosted video conferencing services at universities around the nation.

The first two products available are Codian Conference Director, which offers real-time, large-scale video conference control and monitoring throughout an organisation and across business communities, and Codian Conference Scheduler, which allows users to control and join all Codian infrastructure and any endpoint products on their network to make the best use of all conferencing resources, including bandwidth.

AARNET Uses Codian to Link Universities

AARNET uses both solutions to link Codian MCUs or bridges across Australian universities to deliver a reliable, high quality videoconferencing service to its clients.

James Sankar, AARNET's Director, Applications and Services, said, "We needed to establish MCU port sharing, improve interoperability throughout the 37 universities, and of course, offer an easy-to-use, secure and accessible online booking system.

"Together with Codian, we have an interoperable environment. The Codian MCUs are endpoint agnostic so we can provide a completely seamless service. With the Codian Management Platform, we will be able to decentralise the scheduling of conferences, manage ad hoc conferences better and optimise all available MCU resources throughout the community.

"This solution is being trialled on a larger scale with our customers at Australian universities with the aim of enabling us to deliver a more comprehensive and totally reliable video conferencing service that actually gives users the best visual and audio quality available at any given time, via an easy to use and navigate interface," he said.

Codian Solution Wins Fans at Flinders University

Flinders University was one of the first to pilot the AARNET service and is currently preparing to purchase its own Codian MCU. Steve Cox, Communication and Network Services Manager for Flinders University, said the university conducts multiple video conferences each day to, provide improved communication for staff at remote sites, run project meetings and tap into expertise around the country and interview job candidates.

"Codian is definitely leading the field in terms of performance, picture definition and sound clarity, and ease of use. By linking into the AARNET network we will have access to a cascading pool of resources around Australia that not only provides redundancy for our system, but will also allow us to overflow onto another system whenever we exceed our own resources. This innovative approach, enabled by the Codian Management Suite, will allow universities to access state-of-the-art video conferencing facilities on an as-needs basis, far beyond our individual buying capacity," Cox said.

Mr Cox is co-chairing AARNET's national university project and said the group is working closely with Codian to develop features of interest to the academic and research sector, including development of a web booking form to make access even easier for non-technical users.

"We intend to use CMP to create a simple process for our people to schedule and run video conferences, which will save the university both time and money by reducing travel expenses and improving communications across the organisation," he said.

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About Codian

As the manufacturer of today's most advanced video conferencing infrastructure solutions, Codian is driving new industry standards and increasingly sets market expectations. Consequently, Codian's award-winning products and solutions are key to helping today's enterprise, education and government organisations achieve seamless communications, where exceptional quality in voice, video, desktop and room-based systems is vital to success. Codian's products are powerful, intuitive and easy-to-use, offering the definitive high-definition (HD) and telepresence quality visual experience.

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

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