



Next Gen Networks Institute joins the SCTE®



Shpresa Metaj,
CEO of Next Gen



The SCTE® is delighted to welcome Next Gen Networks Institute as our latest member. Next Gen Networks from Kosovo is a non-profit organisation dedicated to training young people in telecommunications.

The SCTE® will be working closely with Next Gen over the coming months and years, providing theoretical training courses to complement the practical training courses the Institute offers its students in Kosovo.

Besim Latifi, our Ambassador-at-Large is based in Kosovo and this partnership is something he has been dreaming of for some time. "I am delighted that the SCTE® and Next Gen are collaborating in this way; for the young engineers in our region this is excellent news. I feel strongly that the combination of the theory as well as the practical will have a significant impact on the standards of education and the calibre of the students as a result."

Shpresa Metaj, CEO of Next Gen told *Broadband Journal*, "We are very happy to be working with the SCTE® as their Partner for Kosovo. Their mission and values are exactly in sync with our own mission in Kosovo. It's an exciting time in telecoms and we are looking forward to working together on future projects."

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SCTE® announces webinar with VIAVI Solutions

“Enabling High-Fibre Count Cable Deployment”

On September 28 at 2pm the SCTE® continues its successful Webinar Series with an exciting panel presentation by market leader VIAVI Solutions. Entitled Enabling High-Fibre Count Cable Deployment, the session will focus on mass fibre cabling technology, installation best practices and how smarter testing delivers improved efficiencies during network build and acceptance to ensure you get the job done right, first time.

The webinar takes place on **September 28 2021 at 2pm BST**. In a break from webinars in the past the format will consist of a panel-style discussion featuring expert speakers from both VIAVI and optic technology multinational Corning, the combination of which will provide attendees with a very rounded, informative presentation.

The panel will be moderated by James Harwood of the SCTE® Executive Committee; Tom Ronan, VIAVI Director Regional Product Line Management will also feature on the panel as will Charlene Roux, VIAVI Senior Product Line Manager and Roshene McCool, Corning Market and Technology Development Manager.

The webinar will examine how high-fibre-count cables could be a key enabler for lowering the cost and increasing the speed of rollouts. The panel will compare the differences with traditional fibre cabling technologies and how these cabling technologies have evolved. Multi-fibre technology has also enabled high fibre count cabling in smaller footprint to enable more fibre to be deployed deeper into the network.



Charlene Roux



Tom Ronan



James Harwood



Roshene McCool

The session will also look at connecting high fibre counts into existing infrastructure or for new fibre delivery, and the implications and potential issues including potential fibre mismatches.

The panel will also explore the deployment phase and evaluate how these solutions can help increase installer efficiency for installation and testing.

In addition they will discuss smarter testing for commissioning these networks and how to become more efficient in the data collection, audit, and be fully ready for service acceptance.

Ross Stoddart, VIAVI EMEA Fibre Marketing Manager said, “Working with the SCTE® on this initiative ticks all the boxes for us – we feel it’s a vital part of the ongoing conversation we are having with industry partners as the fibre roll out continues, and education and information in this ground-breaking area is key to its success.”

Anthony Basham, President of the SCTE® told Broadband, “VIAVI are always great to work with – we expect nothing less than a slick and polished afternoon. Corning on the panel is a prime example of how effective cross-pollination can be in something as precise and important as the fibre roll out.”

Anthony added, “The agnostic nature of the SCTE® means that we can provide the platform for our members to raise their profiles and engage in debate without any kind of partisan involvement, in keeping with our mission to raise standards and educate the industry.”

Registration is free of charge, but attendees need to register in advance via this link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aW3_AMFMS1GQhyAwntI4mQ