

IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group
Liaison Communication

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Subject: Liaison reply to ITU-T SG15: OTNT Standardization Work Plan

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Dear Mr Trowbridge and members of ITU-T SG15,

Thank you for your liaison statement from September 2020 concerning the Optical Transport Networks and Technologies (OTNT) Standardization Workplan.

Concerning aspects of this workplan and other activity within Study Group 15, please be aware of the following:

Since our last communication, the following additional Amendments have been approved to IEEE Std 802.3-2018:

- Amendment 10: IEEE Std 802.3cr-2021, Maintenance #14: Isolation, was approved by the Standards Board on 9th February 2021 and was published on 24th February 2021.
- Amendment 11: IEEE Std 802.3cu-2021, Physical Layers and Management Parameters for 100 Gb/s and 400 Gb/s Operation over Single-Mode Fiber at 100 Gb/s per Wavelength, was approved by the Standards Board on 9th February 2021 and was published on 26th February 2021.

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There are now eleven approved and published Amendments in-force to IEEE Std 802.3-2018, including the above and (as we informed you last time) include:

- Amendment 1: IEEE Std 802.3cb-2018, 2.5 Gb/s and 5 Gb/s Operation over Backplane, was approved by the Standards Board on 27th September 2018 and published on 4th January 2019.
- Amendment 2: IEEE Std 802.3bt-2018, Power over Ethernet over 4 Pairs, was approved by the Standards Board on 27th September 2018 and published on 31st January 2019.
- Amendment 3: IEEE Std 802.3cd-2018, Media Access Control Parameters for 50 Gb/s and Physical Layers and Management Parameters for 50 Gb/s, 100 Gb/s, and 200 Gb/s Operation, was approved by the Standards Board on 6th December 2018 and published on 15th February 2019.
- Amendment 4: IEEE Std 802.3cn-2019, Physical Layers and Management Parameters for 50 Gb/s, 200 Gb/s, and 400 Gb/s Ethernet over Single-Mode Fiber, was approved by the Standards Board on 7th November 2019 and was published on 20th December 2019.
- Amendment 5: IEEE Std 802.3cg-2019, Physical Layer Specifications and Management Parameters for 10 Mb/s Operation and Associated Power Delivery over a Single Balanced Pair of Conductors, was approved by the Standards Board on 7th November 2019 and was published 5 February 2020.
- Amendment 6: IEEE Std 802.3cq, Maintenance #13: Power over Ethernet over 2 pairs, was approved by the Standards Board on 30th January 2020 and published on 13th March 2020.
- Amendment 7: IEEE Std 802.3cm, Physical Layer and Management Parameters for 400 Gb/s over Multimode Fiber, was approved by the Standards Board on 30th January 2020 and published on 30th March 2020.
- Amendment 8: IEEE Std 802.3ch-2020, Physical Layer Specifications and Management Parameters for 2.5 Gb/s, 5 Gb/s, and 10 Gb/s Automotive Electrical Ethernet, was approved by the Standards Board on 4th June 2020, and was published on 30th June 2020.
- Amendment 9: IEEE Std 802.3ca-2020, Physical Layer Specifications and Management Parameters for 2.5 Gb/s and 50 Gb/s Passive Optical Networks, was approved by the Standards Board on 4th June 2020, and was published on 3rd July 2020.

The current version of the Ethernet MIBs standard is published as IEEE Std 802.3.1-2013. There has been no proposal to update this SNMP MIB document to cover the new features present in IEEE Std 802.3-2018.

The current version of IEEE Std 802.3.2-2019, Ethernet YANG models, which was approved by the Standards Board on 26th March 2019 and was published on 21st June 2019.

The following Task Forces, Study Groups, and ad hoc groups are currently active within the IEEE 802.3 Working Group:

- The IEEE P802.3ck 100 Gb/s, 200 Gb/s, and 400 Gb/s Electrical Interfaces Task Force has just initiated the Working Group ballot phase.
- The IEEE P802.3cp Bidirectional 10 Gb/s, 25 Gb/s, and 50 Gb/s Optical Access PHYs Task Force is in the Standards Association ballot phase.

- The IEEE P802.3cs Increased-reach Ethernet optical subscriber access (Super-PON) Task Force has just initiated the Working Group ballot phase.
- The IEEE P802.3ct 100 Gb/s over DWDM systems Task Force is in the Standards Association ballot phase.
- The IEEE P802.3cv Power over Ethernet (Maintenance #15, focusing on 4-pairs) Standards Association ballot phase.
- The IEEE P802.3cw 400 Gb/s over DWDM Systems Task Force is in the proposal selection phase.
- The IEEE P802.3cx Improving PTP Timestamping Accuracy Task Force is in the proposal selection phase.
- The IEEE P802.3cy Greater than 10 Gb/s Electrical Automotive Ethernet Task Force is in the proposal selection phase.
- The IEEE P802.3cz Multi-Gigabit Optical Automotive Ethernet Task Force is in the Task Force review phase.
- The IEEE P802.3da 10 Mb/s Single Pair Multidrop Segments Enhancement Task Force is in the proposal selection phase.
- The IEEE P802.3db 100 Gb/s, 200 Gb/s, and 400 Gb/s Short Reach Fiber Task Force is in the proposal selection phase.
- The Revision to IEEE Std 802.3-2018 (Maintenance #16, IEEE 802.3dc) Task Force intends to begin Working Group ballot later in 2021, with completion during 2022.

There is one active Study Group and one Call for Interest was made to form a second Study Group. A study group is an activity that has not yet reached the stage of an approved Project Authorization Request (PAR), Criteria for Standardization Development (CSD), or project objectives.

- The Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet Study Group was initiated after a successful “Call for Interest” in November 2020.
- There was a successful Call for Interest in March 2021 for Enhancements to Single Pair Ethernet.

Concerning Issue 28 of the OTNT Standardization work plan itself:

- In Clause 4.7.1.1, note that the IEEE Std 802.3cu-2021 been approved, so P802.3cu can be removed from the list of active projects in the 3rd sentence and the approved standard (which specifies 100GBASE-FR1, 100GBASE-LR1, 400GBASE-FR4, and 400GBASE-LR4-6) can be added to the 2nd sentence.
- The list of approved amendments in clause 4.7.1.13 can be extended to include Amendments 10-11 described above, as well as updating the list and status of active projects as described above.
- Table 4 in clause 6.1 can be extended to include Amendments 10-11 as described above.
- We note that you have described relationship to several IEEE 802.1 projects and standards with respect to time synchronization, but there is no current relationship indicated regarding IEEE 802.3. Please note our currently active project, [IEEE P802.3cx](#), Improved PTP Timestamping Accuracy Task Force, is working in this area, and consider whether this is relevant for any of your work.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this workplan. We look forward to continued collaboration between ITU-T Study Group 15 and the IEEE 802.3 Working Group.

Sincerely,
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