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Top Mobility Satcom Innovations Honored by the Mobile Satellite Users Association

MSUA Announces Top Innovation Winners and a Company to Watch

Washington, DC, March 7, 2017 – The [Mobile Satellite Users Association](#) (MSUA), today honored this year’s Mobility SATCOM Innovation Award winners at its annual luncheon held in conjunction with the Satellite 2017 conference. Open to all MSUA members, the awards celebrate technical and service delivery innovations that are contributing to the development of the satellite mobility market.

“This year marks MSUA’s 25th anniversary and another year our members are at the forefront of satellite mobility innovation,” said **Catherine Melquist, president of MSUA**. “The awards recognize top innovations contributing to the development of the rapidly changing satellite mobility market. We look forward to continuing our legacy of fostering and highlighting innovations our members bring to the satellite mobility community of users.”

Over 100 satellite professionals attended the luncheon, representing seasoned and new mobility players along with companies spanning the full spectrum of the mobility segment value chain. The following awards were presented to **Hughes, Inmarsat, Thuraya, AST, Intelsat** and **Phasor**:

- **Hughes** – “**Top Aeronautical Mobility Satcom Innovation**” for its HM System for Airborne Satcom, a software-definable modem and ultra-lightweight antenna innovation enabling Beyond-Line-of-Sight (BLoS) connectivity.
- **Inmarsat** – “**Top Government Mobility Satcom Innovation**” for its Wideband Streaming L-band ([WiSL](#)), which adapts trusted, highly reliable Inmarsat L-band service into a new capability supporting high-throughput services through micro antennas for airborne, expeditionary and maritime missions.
- **Thuraya** – “**Top Land Mobility Satcom Innovation**” for its XT-PRO DUAL, a dual mode, dual SIM handset, bridging the connectivity gap for users that move between satellite and cellular communications.
- **AST** – “**Top M2M/IoT Mobility Satcom Innovation**” for its IRIS, which is a remote monitoring and control solution for M2M/IoT over satellite. IRIS supports remote management through Inmarsat’s API for BGAN M2M terminals, significantly lowering operational costs and increasing efficiency by reducing the requirement for physical site visits to locations that are often hard to reach.



- **Intelsat** – “**Top Maritime Mobility Satcom Innovation**” for IntelsatOne® Flex for Maritime, a customizable wholesale Mbps service that aggregates Intelsat’s prime space segment, the IntelsatOne terrestrial network and the HTS optimized iDirect Velocity™ platform, into a simplified unified ecosystem, providing bandwidth when and where it is needed without investment for new capacity, infrastructure expansion and management.
- **Phasor** was nominated as the “**Company to Watch**” for its software-defined, fully electronically steered antenna with inertia-free pointing, very-low profile, solid state and dual beam capability accessing GEO and non-GEO satellite broadband connectivity.

At the awards luncheon, MSUA welcomed **OneWeb** as its newest corporate member joining other new members **Panasonic, Phasor, MVS, CLS America** and **Clarke Belt 2.0** in MSUA’s membership Class of 2017. Additionally it was announced that Joel Thompson, vice president and general manager of the Terrestrial Business Unit at Iridium, and Geoff Hall, owner of Cedarwood Associates International, were re-elected last week, as the chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of MSUA’s board of directors.

For more information about the awards, innovations, and how to become an MSUA member, please visit <http://www.msua.org>.

About MSUA

The Mobile Satellite Users Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the interests of users and providers of satellite mobility solutions worldwide. The Association fosters the exchange of news, information and education among providers and users of satellite mobility solutions including those focused on communications, navigation and safety. MSUA celebrates and promotes mobility innovations and provides discussion forums and panel opportunities for mobility solution providers and users to exchange development ideas and usage requirements.

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