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ISO Approves Optical Disc Test Standard for Archival Grade Media

OSTA and Ecma International recently announced that the ISO has approved ISO/IEC 10995, a global standard for optical media archive life testing for recordable and rewritable DVDs that will enable the optical storage industry to offer reliable archival-grade optical discs to help end-users select the media life expectancy best suited to their application requirements. ([Read more](#))

COSA Focuses on Green Storage and Industry Education

OSTA's Commercial Optical Storage Applications Committee was re-launched in December, and outlined objectives and initiatives for 2008. The two major areas of emphasis agreed upon for 2008 are industry education on the value proposition of optical storage in archiving and long-term commercial data storage applications and a Green Storage Initiative, to increase awareness of optical as a lower power storage alternative to spinning discs in the data center. ([more](#))

OSS 2008 to be held Oct. 8 in SF

OSTA will hold its seventh annual Optical Storage Symposium on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, at the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco. OSS 2008 will follow the quarterly meetings, which will be held October 6 and 7th. Details will be posted soon at www.osta.org/oss.

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New Location for OSTA March Quarterly Meetings

The March quarterly OSTA meetings will take place at the Doubletree Hotel – San Francisco Airport, 835 Airport Road, Burlingame, CA 94010, telephone (650) 344-5500, on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 17 - 19, 2008. ([Detailed schedule.](#))

On the Horizon

The Promise of Greener Storage



Archival storage continues to be a newsworthy topic for OSTA and the storage industry. We're pleased to note OSTA's role in initiating the archival test specification within our ODAT Committee that ultimately led to the new ISO standard for an archival grade optical disc test.

Meanwhile new efforts are underway within our COSA Committee to provide information on best practices for archival storage to industry segments facing complex compliance requirements. Simultaneously, the committee is exploring very promising opportunities through the Green Storage Initiative to open new markets and reduce power by moving archival or redundant information currently stored on spinning discs to optical discs that require no power when data is not needed.

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