



ISTO NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2026

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

Daniel Burnett - President & CEO



Hello, and Happy Summer! I'm Dan Burnett, the President & CEO of ISTO. As many of you might know, the past year has been a time of welcome transition for ISTO. We officially changed our legal name to ISTO, Inc. and made corporate identity updates for branding. We also modernized our accounting system, migrating to Sage Intacct.

We were sad to say goodbye to our dear friend and ISTO co-founder Marco Migliaro, who retired from the Board this year after 26 years of dedicated service to ISTO. However, we are pleased to welcome Sanjiv Desai as ISTO's newest Director on its Board and Brianna Rich to our Program Management team.

Throughout all of these changes, ISTO received its highest-ever customer satisfaction rating from you, our federation members, in our bi-annual Customer Satisfaction Survey last fall.

With this edition of the ISTO newsletter, we are excited to announce a new member of the ISTO Federation, the PNT Standards Consortium. As you will read below, our newest consortium is taking ownership of the ASPN and pntOS industry standards in the positioning, navigation, and timing space.

We look forward to continued growth and will be sure to send updates your way. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything, and don't forget the ISTO all-member meeting (virtual) on 15 September where members can connect and share successes, insight, and best practices.

Our Team

For the past 27 years, ISTO has made a name for itself managing industry collectives and providing the infrastructure and support for technical consortia to fulfill their technology missions. This is largely the result of the accomplishments of our seasoned team that collectively offers 100+ years of proven association management experience and expertise in providing strong program and financial management, legal infrastructure, membership administration, governance, meeting and event support, etc.

Operating in a cohesive, team environment with a focus on implementing best practice while nurturing strong business relationships, the ISTO Team continuously monitors processes, tools and strategies to ensure it delivers the support required to keep our programs and members robust and engaged.

ISTO Newly Formed Programs

ISTO welcomes the newest member in its Federation – the **PNT Standards Consortium**.



On June 2, 2026, during the annual ION JNC Joint Navigation Conference, the PNT Standards Consortium publicly launched. With the aim to unify open navigation Standards, the Consortium is focused on advancing open, interoperable standards for Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) systems. Operating as a member program of ISTO, PNT Standards Consortium was founded by Leidos, IS4S, and TRX Systems and has the mission to provide long-term governance, sustainability, and community-driven development for PNT standards, including pntOS and ASPN, while ensuring the integrity of their evolution through an open consensus-based process. It envisions propagating these PNT standards for navigation system research, development, and deployment across government and commercial activities. Organizations from industry, government, and academia are invited and encouraged to join the Consortium to ensure PNT standards continue to evolve to meet all users' needs in the PNT community.

For more information, visit pntstandards.org

Member Highlight



DIFI Consortium was created in July 2021 to advance interoperability and enable the digital transformation of space, satellite, and related ground system networks. DIFI was founded by Board members Hawkeye 360, Intelsat Corp., Kongsberg Satellite Services AS (KSAT), Kratos Defense & Security Solutions Inc., Kymeta Corp. and Microsoft Corp., as well as founding government members the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy.

In 2021, DIFI introduced to the satellite industry its first industry Standard, *ISTO Std 4900-2021: Digital IF Interoperability Standard, v1.0 2021*. A simple, open, interoperable digital IF/RF Standard, this standard replaces the inherent interoperability of analog IF signals and helps prevent vendor lock-in. The Standard has evolved steadily since, reaching version 1.3 in 2025, and DIFI is now working on a certification program for performance testing of digital ground systems.

DIFI continues to support its mission and promote value at its annual Plugfest event, held in Santa Clara CA and hosted by Keysight Technologies, and at its annual Digital Transformation Workshop immediately following the Plugfest in October at the MILCOM industry conference.

Visit dificonsortium.org for more information



TALQ Consortium is a leader in software interface standardization for outdoor lighting systems. Beyond standardization of the TALQ protocol, the Consortium celebrates new member certifications continuously to its Gateway. TALQ's achievements highlight the growing commitment across the lighting industry to enable interoperable and future-proof smart city infrastructures and smart outdoor lighting.

Visit talq-consortium.org for more information.

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Member Events

DiiA

16-17 September 2026 – DALI North America Summit 2026 – Dallas Market Center, Dallas, TX.

3-5 November 2026 – Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

DIFI

5-8 October 2026 – DIFI PlugFest hosted at Santa Ana Keysight facility, CA

12 October 2026 – MILCOM 2026 event in Washington, DC

MOSA

26 August 2026 – MOSA webinar *“MOSA Interoperability Standards for Space Systems”*

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Fostering market acceptance, adoption and implementation of standardized technologies, programs of the ISTO Federation span the spectrum of today's information and communications technologies. ISTO is the recipient of the 2010 Tenzing Norgay Interoperability Achievement Award, which recognizes success in driving market acceptance, adoption and implementation of standardized technologies.



The ISTO Space Systems MOSA Interface Standards Alliance, governed by the Space Systems Command, NASA and the NRO, is proud to announce its upcoming webinar “MOSA Interoperability Standards for Space Systems” scheduled for August 26, 2026. This event will bring together innovators from government, industry, and academia to discuss critical advancements in modular open system approaches (MOSA) and highlight pioneering methods in standards development that are shaping the future of space technology.

**ISTO Space Systems MOSA Interface Standards Alliance
Announces Industry Webinar:**

“MOSA Interoperability Standards for Space Systems”

August 26, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM PDT / 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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