

SBP-3 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

The SBP-3 working group met Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6 - 7, in Dallas, TX. Work is progressing on the draft, currently SBP3r01a.pdf, and a consensus exists within the group with respect to isochronous facilities in SBP.

Isochronous support for so-called AV disks requires both transport protocol support and command set support. The candidate for a new set of commands to handle "tracks" (a rudimentary form of a file system embodied by the disk itself) is RBC-2.

Because isochronous facilities may also be of interest to other devices, such as DVD. In particular, Panasonic announced their support for isochronous SBP to be used for DVD. It would be fruitful for the MMC working group to collaborate with the as yet to be formed RBC-2 working group. It is anticipated that the SBP-3 and RBC-2 groups will meet together.

The meeting schedule for SBP-3 is as follows:

April 26 - 27 (Portland, OR)
June 4 - 8 (Toronto, Canada)
July 17 - 18 (Colorado Springs, CO)
August 27 - 29 (Cupertino, CA)
October 2 - 5 (east coast)
November 6 - 7 (Monterey, CA)
December (location not yet determined)

All meetings are two days. Where more than two days are indicated above, a final selection of date has yet to be made.