ONUG Spring and Fall Dates Announced for 2018

Where Business Enters the Digital Economy through Practical IT Transformation

Kaiser Permanente to Host ONUG Spring in San Francisco

December 20, 2017 – Boston – ONUG today announced the 2018 Conference program dates. The announcement falls on the heels of the largest ONUG Conference to date and reinforces the commitment to empower the collective IT business leader voice by broadening the ONUG IT Community, including new industry sectors.

In 2018, Kaiser Permanente will host ONUG Spring in San Francisco, California on May 8th - 9th at the UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center. ONUG Fall will then return to New York City at the Metropolitan Pavilion on October 22nd – 23rd. The bicoastal conferences will continue the collaborative dialogue on the impending business impacts of open IT frameworks, based upon open software-defined infrastructures.

The focus for ONUG 2018 is building hybrid multi-cloud infrastructure to support digital transformation strategies. Important discussion topics for ONUG in 2018 will include:

- The imperative of digital transformation and its overall impact on business operations & IT
- Which workloads are suited for hybrid, native and/or private cloud
- Hybrid multi-cloud deployment successes and challenges
- Approaches to enterprise cloud software building blocks, and best practices
- Best practices in IT solution integration through APIs
- Modern software-managed infrastructure analytic applications and monitoring
- The role of machine learning and AI in data center automation
- The new relationship between application developers and enterprise IT operations
- Experiences with software-defined security deployments
- IT organizational culture, design, and skill sets for the software-defined cloud era

"The growth of the ONUG Community parallels a burgeoning industry awareness of IT leading their companies into the digital economy," said Nick Lippis, Co-Chairman and Co-Founder of ONUG. "Targeted at IT business leaders of the Global 2000, the 2018 ONUG Conferences will reinforce our commitment to driving options and choices as they digitally transform their businesses and

approach to IT. We seek to change the word **"cloud"** from a strategy definition to an operational term. It is of high importance to the ONUG Community to facilitate an industry discussion that develops approaches to enterprise cloud software building blocks and best practices, all to guide IT solution integration projects."

ONUG Spring and Fall will feature:
- IT Business Leader Keynotes and Panel Discussions
- ONUG Board Fireside Chats
- ONUG Town Hall Meeting
- The ONUG Great Debate
- From the Trenches Sessions: Where are your colleagues in their deployments so you can measure your progress
- Invaluable insights from ONUG Working Groups
- ONUG Academy Tutorial Sessions

To request a 2018 Sponsor Prospectus, contact sponsors@onug.net. ONUG Spring 2018 early bird attendee registration will open in January.

To sign up for the ONUG Working Groups that will kick off this month into January click here. In addition to our existing Working Groups, we have added a new Container Working Group.

About ONUG
ONUG is the leading user-driven community of IT executives focused on leveraging the power of their engineering and procurement to influence the pace and deployment of open networking solutions. The ONUG Board is composed of IT leaders from Bank of America, BNY Mellon, Cigna, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, FedEx, Fidelity Investments, Gap, Inc., Intuit, JPMorgan Chase, Kaiser Permanente, the Lippis Report, Morgan Stanley, Pfizer, State Street, UBS, and Yahoo. For more on ONUG, go to http://www.ONUG.net or follow us on Twitter @ONUG

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