

Dr. Devasia Kurian 's visit to AstriCon 2018

AstriCon is THE largest conference for Asterisk users and developers organised every year by Digium, the founding company of Asterisk revolution. This year also saw the celebrations of this event for 15th year in a row. Users and developers from all parts of the world took part in this annual conference for technology exchange and networking. Dr. Devasia Kurian participated in AstriCon, 2018 representing *astTECS.



Dr. Devasia Kurian, CEO, *astTECS

Q. What new innovation did you find caught your attention this year in AstriCon?

Asterisk has become THE platform for Enterprise Telecom needs in the last 2 decades. The platform has grown from a PBX to a Unified Communication Base for the whole Enterprise. This years AstriCon was flooded with new applications and innovations in and around Asterisk. Machine Learning and it's applications like Audio Fingerprinting, Transcription, Voice Bots etc were clearly the highlights. Implementation of WebRTC and advanced usage like video conferencing also pointed at opening up of new horizons on the Asterisk platform. Further, Cloud deployments of Asterisk applications also were of high interest. Data protection and security were the further interesting topics.

Q. How was the feeling about Sangoma-Digium takeover?

Mark Spencer, the founder of Asterisk and Digium, himself was present in the conference. He mentioned that Asterisk was like a daughter for him, and the event of takeover for him is like marrying away his daughter to a very able man. He is confident that the new husband will take care of his daughter. That was the founder's feeling.

Bill Wignall, CEO, Sangoma assured the community that nothing will change with respects to open source development of asterisk. In fact, he assured that Sangoma will be investing more into asterisk development, and therefore the community can expect more resources in the future.

Q. After all these years do you think the attitude has changed towards the open source community?

Open Source has been widely accepted today. There were quite a few new open source companies, which developed various products around Asterisk and VoIP. They were all of the opinion that Open Source is the way of future software development.

Q. How was the overall experience?

AstriCon is a very useful conference for the members of the Asterisk Community. It helps one to get an overview about the newest trends in this domain, and also network with the who's who in this community.