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CHARTER'S GREG BABINSKI ROLLS TO CABLE-TEC GAMES TITLE; CABLE ONE'S KEVIN TROUB REPEATS AS IP CHALLENGE CHAMPION

History Made At Cable-Tec Games As South American Medals

OCT. 25, 2018 (Atlanta, GA)—The great Greg Babinski yesterday morning medaled in all seven contests on his way to an astounding fourth International Cable-Tec Games overall gold medal in 11 years, the Society of Cable Telecommunications (SCTE) and its global arm, the International Society of Broadband Experts (ISBE), announced today.

Babinski, who also claimed the championship in 2008, 2014, and 2016, hails from New Port Richey, Fla., and was representing Region 9's Central Florida Chapter. He is tech III line/plant maintenance with Charter Communications.

Babinski outshined his perennial archrival, Comporium Communications' Greg Brakefield, who was attempting to defend his 2017 title. Brakefield himself owns a remarkable four titles since 2011. Brakefield finished third overall yesterday behind Babinski and TJ DiPlacido, who, like Babinski, works for Charter.

Yesterday afternoon, Kevin Troub, IP specialist with Cable ONE, won his second consecutive SCTE•ISBE IP Challenge title. Jamie Griffin, director of technology with Full Channel TV, claimed second place in this year's IP Challenge, which is sponsored by Cisco. Third place went to Fernando Barraza, who, like Troub, works for Cable ONE.

The annual Cable-Tec Games and IP Challenge—crowd-pleasing competitive exhibitions that underscore the value of developing technical workforce expertise—were conducted in Innovation Theater at SCTE•ISBE Cable-Tec Expo[®] 2018, which started Monday and concludes today at the Georgia World Congress Center, in Atlanta.

The Cable-Tec Games were sponsored by AFL and Greenlee Communications (Presenting sponsors) and Altec, Corning, and Kaon (Supporting sponsors). Mike O'Dell of Comcast received this year's Spirit of the Games Award, which was sponsored by Corning.

Technician Germán Villavedra of Telecom Argentina SA in Buenos Aires, Argentina, became the first International Cable-Tec Games contestant from outside of North America to medal in an event. Villavedra, representing the Society's Central America Latin America (CALA) Chapter, captured the bronze medal in Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (OTDR).

OTDR gold went to Kyle Halverson of Comcast. The gold medalists in the other six Cable-Tec Games contests were Greg Brakefield of Comporium, Cable Splicing; Jeffrey Haak of Comcast, Fiber Splicing; Greg Babinski of Charter, Meter Reading; Greg Babinski of Charter, MTDR; Keith Jensen of Altice, Drop Connection; and Brad Jensen of Comcast, Cable Jeopardy.

More information about the Cable-Tec Games, the IP Challenge, and Cable-Tec Expo can be found at www.scte.org.

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