# 2023 COVESA Year in Review



With all that happened in COVESA this year, my only solution is to do my best to summarize succinctly some of my personal highlights from COVESA's activities during 2023 and thank each of you and your organizations for making this year the best year ever for COVESA!!

In a rough, chronological list, here are some of the many highlights:

#### Kicked Off 2023 with CES and New Board Members

With 65 tables/booths and around 1,800 attendees, the COVESA hosted yet another successful CES Showcase and Reception (see pix) ... and the CES 2024 Showcase is on track to exceed those numbers! During the show, VSS adoption was indicated by AWS Fleetwise, Blackberry IVY, remotiveLabs, Ricardo, Sonatus and several others. What a great start to the year!

COVESA welcomed Aptiv, RTI, and Stellantis to serve on the Board of Directors during its March Annual Board Meeting.

## Another New Group, A Successful Member Meeting and A New VSS Release

Automotive AOSP App Framework Standardization Expert Group launched in April and has consistently made progress on a set of early milestones.

COVESA gathered in Porto, Portugal for what became the most enjoyable reception (see pix) in our history (World of Wine terrace) and over 200 participants heard the impressive story of an EV journey from Cologne to Porto, with all the accompanying range anxiety.

The Vehicle Signal Specification (VSS) released version 4.0 in May. VSS continues to see adoption across the industry as evidenced by the spotlight series of adoption stories told by several members.

Highlights from June included another excellent Showcase and Reception at the AutoTech: Detroit event as well as the first face-to-face workshop of the Automotive AOSP App Framework Standardization Expert Group.

In July, COVESA leaders gathered with leaders from AUTOSAR, Eclipse SDV, and SOAFEE to envision how to team together on the software defined vehicle. This important collaboration will have a presence during the CES Showcase in January 2024, including demonstrators from ETAS and Tietoevry showing the integration of technologies from all four organizations.

#### **New Members & COVESA Collaboration Momentum**

Over the summer, COVESA enjoyed welcoming new members GM (July) and Mbition (August). Both OEMs have been active including a contribution of uServices from GM and consistent contribution by Mbition to the IFEX project as part of COVESA's focus on common vehicle interfaces.

Back by popular demand, the vsomeip project restarted in September with several new contributions to this historical and significant open project in the past few months.

October's All Member Meeting in Troy, Michigan surprised us all with 340(!) in attendance, the continuation of BoFs for Commercial Vehicles and Vehicle Commerce and discussions about a new project leveraging VSS in road safety applications.

## Wishing You Happy Holidays

This year has been amazing, and I have another list of equally impressive highlights (and apologies if I did not list your favorite), but I should close and wish you all a happy holiday season!

Hoping to see you in Las Vegas for COVESA's CES Showcase and Reception on 9 January (6:00-9:00 pm) at the Bellagio ballroom. For more information on that event, contact Mike Nunnery.