

SCIENTIFIC EVENT

350 Participants from 31 Countries at the First Conference in Romania Devoted to “Broadband”

Bucharest hosted between October 9 and 11, 2002 the conference, “Information Society Technologies for Broadband Europe”.

The event took place prior to the launch of the EU latest research & development program “IST – Information Society Technologies” (with a budget exceeding € 4 billion) and shortly after the official release of the “e-Europe 2005” initiative. It was a challenge as far as the development of broadband infrastructure, applications and services in Europe is concerned.

The agenda included a plenary session analyzing the impact of Broadband upon Europe, technical sessions concerning the major fields of research for information society technologies and infrastructures, and a special session on the occasion of the launch of the EU’s research program, IST-FP6.

More than 350 specialists from 31 countries attended the conference: prominent researchers, project coordinators, decision-makers within the IT industry, universities, research institutes, and public officials, including representatives of the European Commission.

The organizers of the conference were: the Romanian Ministry for Communications and Information Technology (through the national institutes INSCC and ICI) and the Romanian National Academy of Sciences, in close cooperation with Division E within the Information Society Directorate of the European Commission and with the support of the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research. Other sponsors of the event were: ROMTELECOM, AR TELECOM, INTRAROM, SAP, and the EMERGE and IDEAL IST projects.

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