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Commissioner Potocnik Participating in Closing Plenary

Janez Potocnik, Commissioner for Science and Research, will participate in the Closing Plenary of eChallenges e-2005 on Friday 21st October. Do not miss an opportunity to listen to his views delivered from the heart of his home country. e-2005 offers an interesting array of strategic plenary speeches providing institutional and industrial vision. Keynote speakers include: Jure Zupan - Minister of Higher Education, Science & Technology, Slovenia; Mark Frequin, Ministerie Van Economische Zaken, Netherlands; João da Silva and Rosalie Zobel - Directors, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission; Chris Horn, Vice-Chairman, IONA Technologies, Ireland; Ingo Juraske, VP EMEA, Hewlett-Packard Europe; Noriyuki Yonemura, Counselor, Fuji Xerox Co. Ltd., Japan; and Todd Ramsey, General Manager, IBM.

Tackling New ICT Challenges

e-2005 looks set to be an inspiring event presenting new challenges and opportunities in technology and research, as well as helping delegates leverage on EU Framework Programmes FP6 and FP7. The main goal of eChallenges e-2005 is to promote research and technology development (RTD) that is usable in the European public sector, industry and by SMEs, bringing benefits to any organisation aiming to co-operate and learn about IST.

Chris Horn of IONA Technologies noted that "eChallenges e2005 Conference will bring together key players and professionals in the commercial, government and research sectors across Europe, and indeed from North America, Asia and Africa, and as a result will be amongst the most significant industry events in Europe this year."

International Dimension of eChallenges Continues to Grow

Nearly 8% of presenters this year are from outside Europe, which is almost double the figure for e-2004. The eChallenges Community Participants at e-2005 make up a balanced mixture of representatives from leading commercial, government and research organisations from around the world.

Final Programme Now Published

The e-2005 Final Programme now available online at: <http://www.echallenges.org/2005/default.asp?page=programme&#>

Over an eventful three days, delegates will participate in their choice of 70 Thematically Focused Paper and interactive Workshop Sessions, listening, reacting to and discussing over 270 presentations by delegates from 38 Countries in 5 continents. Topics addressed include:

- e-Business: distributed applications, GRID, interoperability, QOS, service oriented architectures; SME exploitation of eCommerce & eBusiness;
- e-Democracy: eVoting, eParticipation & political digital divide;
- e-Government: cross-border access to information, customer centric services, risk reduction in large-scale eGovernment projects, regional case studies, security issues, service models; survey of Citizen Service Number use in 12 EU Member States to access services;
- Knowledge Management: collaboration both within organisations and across organisational boundaries, semantic based knowledge retrieval, story telling techniques, sectoral applications in healthcare;
- Mobility: business models, GRID, IM applications, location based services, service quality, Mobility-Delphi study on the future of mobility & mobile services, security, standardisation, sectoral applications;
- Networked, Smart & Virtual Organisations: distributed collaboration, innovation management and management challenges;
- New Working Environment: knowledge based SMEs, multi-modal interfaces, semantic web, ICT impact on sectors including automotive, construction, healthcare and transport;
- SME: eCommerce and eBusiness, interoperability, standardisation, supply chain management, barriers to SME take-up of Open Source Software (OSS);
- eLearning & Education: case studies, design issues, support applications, innovation management education. Workshop on skills and certification organised by CEPIS.

Exhibition Showcases Technology Demonstrations

The e-2005 Exhibition features over 30 demonstration stands from 16 countries including a Slovenian ICT Pavilion and a dedicated International Co-operation Area showcasing collaboration with the US, Canada, Latin America, Africa, India, Japan, Russia and South East Asia.

The Exhibition is a unique forum for forging new alliances with potential clients and partners from across the globe.

View the complete exhibition list available on: <http://www.echallenges.org/2005/default.asp?page=exhibitors&#>

View the on-line Delegate Showcase today

The Delegate Showcase now available on-line, allows registered participants to publish their own short profile to facilitate networking before, during and after the conference. Update or write your profile now and find out who's who at e-2005 this year. You can register at: <http://www.echallenges.org/2005/default.asp?page=reg-start&#>

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