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Special Issue

We need your help

Clearly, people have other things on their mind at the start of 2002. Very few proposals for papers to be presented at the congress in Genoa have so far been received by the organizing committee. Of course, the quality of an international congress like that of FITCE depends entirely on the presence of a sufficient number of speakers with interesting subjects. Surely, the current crisis in telecoms will not go away if we just sit back and wait. There must be more than enough material of interest to be debated, as usual.

So, may we implore you to try to get support inside your companies to seize the opportunity and identify good speakers and subjects? Or, why not, make a proposal yourself. Many of the hardcore FITCE members have at one time or another made a presentation at the congress.

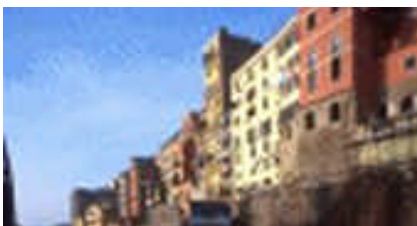
For your convenience, you will find below the same information which was already included in the previous newsletter. The deadline has been extended by one week.

Congress date change

Please note that the dates of the congress have changed because of shortage of hotel accommodation. The 2002 congress in Genoa will be held from 4 to 7 September.

FITCE Congress 2002 in Genoa – Call for Papers

Call for Papers



Contributors are invited to address the theme '*Evolving Networks: Service Opportunities and Market Realities*' by referring to the following topics:

A) FROM CIRCUIT-SWITCHED TO IP-BASED NETWORKS: RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

Voice-over-IP technology evolution;
Voice-over-IP new services;
Network architectures: conversions strategies, and evolution;
Economic justification for the conversion;
Comparison between new players and established operators;
Quality of service and operational issues.

B) BROADBAND SOLUTIONS FOR THE LAST MILE TO

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS.
State of the art of XSL, cable modem, LMDS, and FTTH;
Deployment status in different countries;
Local loop unbundling: threat or opportunity?
Will there be sufficient demand and applications for broadband services?
Business models (architectures, cost structures, revenue streams, etc.)
for the various access systems;
Infrastructure versus service competition.

**C) IS THERE MONEY TO BE MADE IN MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS
IN THE FUTURE?**

Technology and deployment state of the art of 2.5G and 3G mobile
networks;
Handset technology evolution;
New services and applications;
Regulatory issues (number portability, etc.);
Need for IP version 6?

Submissions

Submissions are invited as follows:

Abstracts of 200 words.

A brief biography of the author(s) to accompany the abstract.

Include the name of your national association.

Include your full contact details including email, telephone number and
address.

Send the abstracts and the other relevant information to: Clotilde
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Deadline

Deadline for receiving abstracts is Friday **1 March 2002**.

The papers will be selected by the Committee meeting in Rome on **8
March 2002** and will be judged on relevance, content and originality.
The full text of the selected papers, in English, is required by **10 June
2002**.

The papers will be strictly time limited to 20 minutes with an additional 5
minutes for questions.

All contributors selected will receive a style guide.