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Editorial



FITCE Belgium closed its first year of activities with the General Assembly of 13 January. With a renewed mandate, the board feels encouraged to continue in the direction it has set for itself.

The lunch sessions terminated on 25 January with a lecture by Johan Amsoms of KPN Belgium. We were extremely happy to see so many interested people at those seminars.

The next event on 8 March promises again to be a hit. Who in our small world of telecom does not know Jo Cornu?

If you have enjoyed FITCE so far and you want to make a highly valuable contribution to the future of this international organization by direct participation in its leadership, then you may be our man, or woman indeed. We are looking for none less than the next chairperson of FITCE Europe - who must be a Belgian.

And while FITCE continues to flourish, much is happening on our national telecom scene. Unbundling the Local Loop, Wireless Local Loop and UMTS are all at once in the focus of attention. While the failed UMTS auction is embarrassing the political world, nervousness rises concerning ULL : bonanza or fata morgana? And in the meantime, for WLL the chips are down and the stakes were high. We'll soon know who are the winners and who the losers.

Marc Lambert
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Telecommunications : the revolution continues

Evening Lecture

You recently received the pamphlet with all details for registering and paying regarding our next major event. If you did not do so already, do register now. It is a rare occasion and we have every reason to believe that you will not regret it. On March 8 at 18:30h **Jo Cornu**, well-known captain of industry, will give a lecture entitled "**Telecommunications : the revolution continues**". The lecture will be hosted by **Agoria**, the reborn Fabrimetal, in its Einstein A room at its premises in the Diamant Building, Bd A. Reyerslaan 80, 1030 Brussels. If you lost the pamphlet and still want to go, just send an e-mail to the secretary. He will resend the pamphlet with pleasure.

But for your comfort, the essential information is here : for members admission is at 30 euro, for non-members it is at 50 euro. Payment to be made to the bank account mentioned in the footer. Also, please send word to our secretary by duly filling the form below and mailing it **before March 1, 2001 !**

Last name :

First name :

Company :

Function :

Address :

Will attend the meeting and the reception

Will attend the meeting but not the reception

FITCE Europe

Looking for the next Chairman



FITCE Europe's chairman Hans-Stefan MARUSZCZAK will finish his second and last term at the congress in Barcelona. According the rules it is Belgium's turn to take the office and we are therefore looking for a suitable candidate. Maybe you are the right person or perhaps you know someone who although not a member yet, would be the perfect match. In either case, **by March 19**, please send e-mail to jose.van.ooteghem@belgacom.be, chairman of FITCE Belgium with copy to the secretary georges.devroey@skynet.be or send regular mail to the secretary's address which you can find at the bottom of the page.

Below you can find more information on the tasks and the desired profile of FITCE Europe's chairman. For the full FITCE Europe statutes, please visit the website [http:// www.fitce.org](http://www.fitce.org).

Tasks and profile of the FITCE chairman

"Article 15 - The chairman (who shall be a full member), is elected for one year. He may be reelected but for one consecutive term only. When the chairman is being elected, account must be taken of the requirement to allow the office of chairman successively to each country represented in the Federation (in alphabetical order in French)."

The national association of the concerned country assigns the appropriate candidate to the FITCE board.

Tasks

1. Chairman of the executive committee and member of the board of officers

The executive committee, commonly known as the Comité de Direction, is composed of one representative per member country, of the chairman of the Federation and of the secretary-general.

The board of officers is responsible for the day-to-day business and is made up of the chairman of the Federation, one or more vice-chairmen selected by the executive committee from among its members, the secretary-general, the treasurer and the managing



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2. To define and implement together with the board members a strategy for the future development of the association.
3. To have regular contacts with executives in the field of Telecom and ICT, and especially with the Enterprise & Information Society directorate of the EC.
4. To represent FITCE at official events and address the audience at special FITCE events (e.g. the annual congress).
5. To lead the negotiations with countries interested in membership.
6. To control the financial status, stimulate the most effective usage of financial means to create and develop extra value for our members.

Profile

1. Member of the FITCE-association in the country to which the chairmanship befalls.
2. Active and recognized professional in the national or international Telecom world.
3. Being acquainted with or having experience with the association, its way of working and philosophy is of course an asset.
4. Have contacts with ICT-executives in his/her own country, and preferably with the Enterprise & Information Society directorate of the EC in Brussels.
5. Have support from his/her employer to be able to deploy all necessary activities for an effective chairmanship (essentially time as the expenses are paid by FITCE).

General Assembly

The General Assembly was held on 13 January, 2001, in the Cultural Centre "**Westrand**", Kamerijklaan in Dilbeek.

Statutory

Next to the full board, 20 members showed up for the statutory part and 3 members had given proxy. The highlights :

- The board reported on the activities during the first year of

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FITCE Belgium.

- Membership is at 28 A-corporate, 14 B-corporate and 64 Individual members, making a total of 148 people.
- The GA gave the board authority to fix the yearly membership contributions in September within the limits set by the statutes.
- Pierre Henin and Jan Vanhoecke are elected as auditors for 2001.
- Luc Vanbecelaere of Nortel is welcomed as new member of the board.
- The General Assembly asks the board to work out a call for candidacy and a selection procedure for identifying a Belgian chairman for FITCE Europe.

During the statutory proceedings, the accompanying persons were treated to a musical divertimento which was much appreciated. All joined for a nice reception after both events terminated.

Finally, we all joined with a larger crowd to enjoy a concert by Camerata con Cor(d)e conducted by Alain Roelant with a selection of music spanning many centuries going from Bach to De Jonghe over Rossini, Holst and others; followed by a reception organized by the cultural centre of Dilbeek. A most agreeable evening indeed.