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We are pleased to announce that the e-2005 Advance Programme is now available online. Authors and delegates alike can now start to create their personalised conference programme online. If your draft paper or workshop proposal has been provisionally accepted, you can now find it in the technical programme at www.echallenges.org/2005/pdf/eChallenges_AdvProg_e2005.pdf. International Programme Committee (IPC) Members have gone to great efforts to provide authors with actionable feedback to further improve the quality of the conference proceedings. Accepted authors are requested to take account of feedback provided before submitting their final copy by 30th June. **Authors must also finalise registration by 30th June.**

e-2005 Call for Exhibitors Now Open

To maximise your organisation's exposure at e-2005, the consortium invites you to answer the **Public Call for Exhibitors**, which is now open. Open to both demonstration stands and posters, potential exhibitors will be selected based on the quality and relevance of their submission to the conference themes. Preference will always be given to **innovative technology demonstrations**. In your application, you are advised to clearly state what will be demonstrated and the proposed benefit for the conference delegates. A Slovenian ICT Pavilion will also showcase Slovenian RTD activities. **Proposals will be accepted until 15th July.**

eChallenges e-2005 provides a preview for FP7

FP7, the EU's chief instrument for funding scientific research and technological development (2007 – 2013), is a key element in realising the Lisbon agenda for growth and competitiveness. Learn more at e-2005 about the four objectives and programmes and the research themes of FP7 (Cooperation, People, Ideas & Capacities). Dedicated sessions are being organised to offer a unique insight into opportunities under FP7.

Special Delegate Rates to encourage greater Int. Co-operation

The consortium is delighted to offer Special Delegate Rates to New EU Member States, Candidate Countries, and Developing Countries. A number of sessions specifically focused on **International Co-operation** have also been organised at the conference to maximise visibility. We are pleased to note that **Commissioner Potocnik**, at a recent OECD forum on 29-30th March 2005 highlighted the importance of International Co-operation announcing: *"countries such as China, India & Brazil will introduce a new element to the internationalisation of R&D, a 2004 survey indicates that these countries are now respectively, first, third & sixth choice destinations for overseas R&D investments. Europe must step up mutually beneficial research cooperation with both developed and emerging economies to improve EU competitiveness..."* Find out more on related topics at the specific sessions at e-2005. [Source: Cordis Focus ISSN 1022-6559 April 2005 Issue]

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On-line Registration is now open. Take advantage of the early bird rate and register before the 31st July 2005. This year registration includes: access to all plenary and parallel sessions, entrance to the exhibitions, documentation with proceedings on CD-Rom, two volume book (worth over 200 euros), three luncheons and refreshments at morning and afternoon breaks, a Cocktail Networking Reception and a Gala Networking Dinner as well as Cyber Cafe facilities

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