

## IST GATHERS IN LISBON 700 WORLD EXPERTS ON MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

The conference PIMRC' 2002 (The 13<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Symposium on Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Communications) gathers in Lisbon, in the Atlantic Pavilion, between 16 and 18 September 2002, around 700 world experts from 40 countries, an event organised by Instituto Superior Técnico (IST).

Lisbon is going to be the stage of one of the largest world technical-scientific conferences in the area of mobile and wireless communications, an annual event of great relevance that moves around the three world regions: Europe, Asia/Pacific and Americas.

In previous editions, the conference was hosted by London, Helsinki, The Hague, Boston, San Diego, Toronto, Taipei, Yokohama and Osaka, the 13<sup>th</sup> edition being the largest ever, which constitutes a factor of prestige for Portugal.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Generation under analysis

Among the 700 participants, there will be people from universities, manufacturers, and operators, which, besides the tutorials, and the panels, will present around 500 papers on various subjects, from 3<sup>rd</sup> generation technologies to the proposal of new technologies for the 4<sup>th</sup> one, as well as wireless LANs, exposure to radiation, and new services and applications.

The opening session, on Sep. 16, will be presided by the Minister for Science and Higher Education, Prof. Pedro Lynce, and will have 3 keynote speakers (Dr. João Schwarz da Silva, Head of the R&D Unit for Mobile Communications, European Commission, Belgium; Prof. Dipankar Raychaudhuri, Director, WINLAB at Rutgers University, USA; Dr. Kota Kinoshita, Chief Technology Officer, NTT DoCoMo, Japan), which will give a perspective on the future of mobile communications.

The conference, organised by IST and the Telecommunications Institute of Lisbon, is presided by Paulo Rodrigues da Silva, Vice-President for Technology, Vodafone Telecel, and coordinated by Luis M Correia, from IST, being sponsored by Vodafone, Siemens, Ericsson, e Lucent.

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