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## Celebrations of the World Telecommunication Day 2004 in the Slovak Republic

This year, the Slovak Electrotechnical Society, the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic, Slovak Telecom and the Slovak University of Technology organized what was the 27th International Conference to celebrate the World Telecommunication Day (WTD). The conference bore the theme announced by ITU for WTD, namely "ICTs: leading the way to sustainable development", and was held in Bratislava on 27 and 28 May 2004 under the auspices of the Minister of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic.

memory of Reverend Jozef Murgaš, an inventor in the field of radiotelegraphy, born in 1864 in Tajov (Slovakia). In 1896, Jozef Murgaš left for the United States to a new parish in Wilkes-Barre, where he realized important experiments leading to the successful public wireless encoded information transmission and wireless frequency modulated voice transmission in the autumn of 1905 ([www.ctf.sk](http://www.ctf.sk)).

During the celebrations, a high-quality videoconference connection was established between the conference venue and Banska Bystrica — the town near Jozef Murgaš native village Tajov.

At the conference, specialists from the State Administration, academia, re-

search, telecommunication operators and industry from the Slovak Republic and Austria exchanged views on network convergence, broadband communications, the knowledge-based economy and the information society in Slovakia.

Continuing the tradition established in 2002, the conference organizers invited the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) to send a representative to the conference. Nenad Stankovic, Head of CEE and CIS Unit of ITU/BDT made a presentation on "Creating

explore the latest technology advances that are driving a new wave of richer communication and content delivery services that are beneficial to the end-user and that create value for the industry.

ICIN2004 covers a broad range of information and communication technology (ICT) industry activities, from the emerging service delivery infrastructures to the ease-of-use issues and business aspects which are critical to the successful deployment of value-added communication and content delivery services. ICIN 2004 is expected to attract experts from fixed and mobile network operators, service and content providers, equipment and software vendors, system integrators, consumer, corporate and government organizations.

The growth of fixed and mobile multimedia networks, the ubiquity of the Internet Protocol (IP), the increasing use of intelligent user devices, the convergence of ICTs, and the emergence of new business models all demand creative pragmatism in delivering new products and services that meet the current needs of business customers and consumers.

One of the challenges to be addressed by ICIN2004 is to identify new, innovative applications that will define the shape of future networks as well as the new functions that will enable such applications to be successfully delivered commercially, including functions that support electronic commerce, personal and terminal mobility and the harnessing of intelligent devices.

Perhaps the most important network feature is the convergence of different access and core network technologies such as IP, PSTN, xDSL, CATV, WLAN and 2.5G/3G mobile networks to create a unified service space. The full list of topics to be discussed at ICIN2004 is available at [www.adera.fr/icin2004](http://www.adera.fr/icin2004). ■



From left to right: V.Murin, Chairman of the Slovak Electrotechnical Society; M.Luknar, Chairman of Telecommunication Office of the Slovak Republic; M.Kacaljak, State Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications; A.Scehovic, Director of the Research Institute for Posts and Telecommunications; N.Stankovic, Head of the CEE and CIS Unit of ITU/BDT; J.Kondas, Vice-President for corporate communication, Slovak Telecom; and I.Baronak, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Since 1995, the "Jozef Murgaš Award for Support of Telecommunications Development in Slovakia and for Support of Creative Activities of Young Scientific and Technical Specialists in the Area of Telecommunications" is awarded on the occasion of WTD (17 May). This year's Award was given for "Application of Videoconference Systems for Support of Education at the Medicine Faculty of Comenius University in Martin". The Award was established to revere the

Digital Opportunities: the mission of ITU/BDT".

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