

The 60 years' anniversary of HTE

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2009 is a special year not only for the IEEE, which celebrates its 125th anniversary, but also for HTE – the Scientific Association for Infocommunications, Hungary, which was founded 60 years ago, on January 29, 1949.

The organization, formerly known as the Scientific Society for Telecommunications, is a voluntary and autonomous professional society of engineers and economists, researchers and businessmen, managers and educational, regulatory and other professionals concerned in the fields of telecommunications, broadcasting, electronics, information and media technologies in Hungary.

With a membership of over 1300 individuals and 100 corporate members (large companies, small and medium enterprises, research labs and educational institutions), HTE has become one of the most important scientific associations in the country, with continuously broadening international relations and activities as well. Being an IEEE Sister Society has certainly enabled us to maintain or even further enhance our reputation as an important player in the field of infocommunications, for which we are of course grateful to the IEEE.

One of the important activities of HTE is the organization of high quality international scientific conferences. After having organized the World Telecommunications Congress (WTC) in 2006, and the 16th IST Mobile and Wireless Communications Summit in 2007, last year we brought to Budapest the 13th International Telecommunications Network Strategy and Planning Symposium – Networks 2008. We are happy to say that the five-day conference was a great success, as it attracted more than 260 specialists from 30 countries, in addition to the 75 participants that registered only to the tutorial sessions that were held the first two days. The program of the symposium was divided in 21 technical sessions, which included 90 presentations altogether. In addition, there were plenary talks and panel sessions that involved prestigious speakers from regulatory bodies, industry and academia (www.networks2008.org).

And the 60th anniversary of HTE cannot be truly celebrated of course without organizing a similarly prestigious conference. That is why we were happy to help the Communications Society in organizing the IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference (WCNC 2009), which was held in Budapest in April 2009, after being hosted by cities like Hong Kong and Las Ve-

gas the last couple of years. WCNC is the premier conference related to wireless communications, and with a technical program including 10 tutorials and more than 500 research papers, it was certainly one of the major scientific events in 2009.

Besides this, the entire year 2009 will be celebrated by HTE as an anniversary year, with many dedicated symposiums, workshops and publications presenting the history of the association, and the evolution of its activities. As our readers have already been informed about, in 2009 we significantly restructured the "Infocommunications Journal", the scientific journal published monthly by the HTE. Until recently, our journal was a predominantly Hungarian language journal (in fact, the only one in our field), fulfilling the important mission of disseminating information on the state-of-the-art of different areas in telecommunications and information technology among Hungarian professionals and also trying to preserve and develop the professional language in this field. We also published English issues twice a year, which were compiled mostly from the best research papers published in Hungarian during the preceding half a year period.

As of January 2009, we increased the number of English issues to four, with the objective to become a quarterly international journal. We publish original research papers in the aforementioned areas after rigorous peer reviewing process. Our newly appointed International Advisory Committee, consisting of high-standing representatives of the international professional community supports the Hungarian editorial team in maintaining the quality of published papers.

"Infocommunications Journal" is intended to become a recognized international publication forum for researchers not only from Hungary but also from neighboring countries, and in principle, from all over the world. We will be particularly happy to publish theoretical and experimentation research results achieved within the framework of European ICT projects.

As a conclusion, we hope that the 60th anniversary of our association will be celebrated through attractive, high quality events, and that in 2069 we will be able to inform you about another 60 successful years in the life of HTE.

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