

The Future is Now



The Future is Now. This is the theme of the 4 World Congress on Information Technology 2004 (WCIT 2004) that we proudly host in Athens from the 19th to the 21st of May. WCIT is the world's leading technology forum that brings together top corporate executives, policymakers from national and international organizations, distinguished academics and leading personalities from the ICT sector. Around 2.000 people are expected to participate in the Congress this year, taking an active role in shaping the future directions of our ICT industry.

The Congress theme could also be the best way to describe the tone of our local ICT market. High optimism, resulting from the anticipated growth in our markets' hardware, software, services and telecommunications sectors is the driving force behind our accelerated journey to a true Information Society for all. In this annual international edition of SEPE News you will read articles highlighting this optimism, not only in reports from EITO but also in the words of our Prime Minister who illustrates the government commitment into making the best use of the ICT developments.

In August, all eyes will be in Athens again for the 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the top event in the international sports calendar. In this edition of SEPE News, you will read about the active role of technology in the Games, the ways that ICT facilitates sports activities inside and out the sports fields.

And in September, just after the Olympic Games 2004, Athens is gearing up to welcome the junior members of the international ICT community – high-school students from all over the world will come to Athens to take part in the 16th International Olympiad in Informatics, the premier worldwide high school computer programming competition.

This is an exciting year for Athens and an exciting year for our ICT industry. In all these opportunities, we look forward to welcoming you, discussing with you and establishing the fruitful cooperation that SEPE's members actively seek in building up of next generation ICT.

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