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General News: Early Registration Deadline Extended for ITS World Congress

Date: 1 September 2008

15th World Congress on Intelligent Transportation Systems to take place from 16 to 20 November 2008 in New York.

The deadline for registration for this year's 15th World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems has been extended from September 1 to September 12. The World Congress will be the most relevant, comprehensive ITS experience you will have this year. Register by September 12 and receive a $400.00 discount off the regular registration rate.

Delegates to the 15th World Congress on ITS will have access to:

- 350,000 square feet of exhibition space – the largest ever for a World Congress
- 800+ industry-leading speakers
- 250+ cutting-edge ITS-specific educational sessions
- Exclusive technical tours offering a behind the scenes look at New York's most innovative ITS systems
- Largest fully-integrated demonstration showcasing vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-roadside communication technologies and services including innovative mobility solutions operating on the streets and highways of New York
- New York City and all the unforgettable sights, entertainment, and activities for you and your family
- Limitless opportunities to connect with an international audience in a world-class city

Register online today at http://www.itsworldcongress.org/registration-packages-and-information.html

For more information please visit www.itsworldcongress.org.

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Partner News: Car-2-Car and Car-to-Infrastructure trial

Date: 4 September 2008

***ERTICO Partners Adam Opel GmbH and Continental AG launch DIAMANT project in Hesse*, Germany**

Rüsselsheim. A partnership between the Government of the German region (Land) of Hesse and ERTICO Partners, Adam Opel GmbH and Continental AG, along with Dambach Werke GmbH has been formed in support of the "traffic jam-free Hesse 2015" initiative. A cooperation agreement for the DIAMANT Project was signed in August in the German town of Rüsselsheim.

DIAMANT (**D**ynamic **I**nformation and **A**pplications for **M**obile safety with **A**daptive **N**etworks and **T**elematic infrastructure), which is also the German word for "diamond", forms part of the "traffic jam-free Hesse 2015" initiative. DIAMANT will explore Car-2-Car and Car-2-infrastructure technology. During the coming twelve months, Continental will work with Opel to equip a series of demonstration vehicles with communication modules and the corresponding control system software. At the same time, an initial test section of roads in Germany's Rhine-Main region is to be equipped with the corresponding infrastructure, consisting of roadside units. These transmitter/receiver units located by the side of the road are designed to provide a communications link between the central control point and individual motor vehicles. The roadside units have been developed and manufactured by Dambach GmbH.

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Project News: i-Travel workshop in Brussels on 13 November

Date: 12 August 2008

"i-Travel" is a personal travel assistant service for anyone planning and making a journey – whether a short, regular trip or a longer business or leisure trip.

The project is developing innovative travel solutions such as:

- A user front-end that adapts to a user's fixed or mobile access terminal.
- A context-aware and position aware digital intelligent travel agent.
- An e-marketplace back-end where a community of service and information providers can publish, negotiate and supply their services.

The first workshop will be held in Brussels at Espace Moselle, Rue des Drapiers 40 in 1050 Brussels on the 13th November.

The aim of this workshop is to present the projects results to the wider travel community and gain feedback on the business process, use cases and architecture suggested to support the i-Travel concept.

Attendance at the workshop is free and open to all companies or organisations involved in travel and traveller services from flight booking to public transport information and ticketing.

A detailed agenda and the registration form are available at
iTravel Workshop Agenda (2).doc (234 KB)

To register for the workshop please complete the form and return to Stéphanie Chaufton at s.chaufton@mail.ertico.com or by fax on +32 2 400 07 01

Public authorities and companies involved in the travel industry may qualify for funding to attend the workshop by becoming associated partners.

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Project News: (Re-)mapping the streets of Trento!

Date: 27 August 2008

The FeedMAP workshop will take place at the Grand Hotel in Trento, Italy, on 9 October 2008. Registration for the event and a questionnaire on participant's expectations now available!

On 09 October 2008, the FeedMAP project will hold its final workshop in Trento (Italy) to present and showcase its final results. The chosen venue for the workshop and demonstrations is the Grand Hotel Trento right in the centre of Trento, Italy. We have made a block reservation with the hotel – information will follow upon registration for the workshop.
The FeedMAP event on 9 October will feature an extensive set of presentations and demonstrations of the project's achievements. Part of the day will be dedicated to a number of brief presentations describing FeedMAP concepts, architecture and validation results. Attendees will also have the opportunity of testing the FeedMAP concept in a number of equipped vehicles and computer demonstrations.
All FeedMAP components (FeedMAP clients, Service Centres, Map Centres and ActMAP service centres) will be presented at this interactive workshop, as well as specific deviation detections such as wrong or missing road geometry data, missing or outdated information on speed limits, or wrong or missing information on turn restrictions. The entire chain from the release of Map Deviation Reports to the generation of ActMAP updates will be demonstrated.
In order to learn more about your expectations from the workshop, we have prepared a short questionnaire on the commercial feasibility of the FeedMAP concept. We would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes filling in the form:

http://www.feedbackfarm.com/surveyengine/s.php?i=3c8254f4e1e6a4518811f0a08dbf10b6

Please find attached a description of the FeedMAP concept and the agenda of the final workshop and demonstrations. Registration is open, please visit www.ertico.com/feedmap to register online.

We look forward to meeting you in Trento!

Please contact Maxime Flament at m.flament@mail.ertico.com for any questions related to the workshop.

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Project News: MODIBEC China National event on 27-28 October

Date: 11 July 2008

The EU-funded MODIBEC project will hold its China National Event on 27- 28 October 2008 in Beijing. This conference paves the way towards strengthened EU-China research collaboration, looks forward to future EU-China joint research projects opportunities and at what has been achieved so far. A dense programme ahead!

MODIBEC held its kick-off meeting in March 2007. A year and a half later, it is time to synthesize its achievements.

The two-day conference will take place within the modern Swissôtel venue, in the heart of the Chinese capital and will bring together key players in digital broadcasting and mobile communications. In addition to the identification of concrete joint research priorities and the possibility to make recommendations for future EU-China research cooperation actions, the participants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in the latest technological advances through the exhibition area devoted to digital broadcasting receivers and other demonstrations.

The conference will be dynamic and enriching thanks to the diversity of the speakers and panelists and to the opportunities scheduled in the programme for the attendees to interact with the speakers. Speakers will range from Chinese Government (SARFT) and European Commission officials,

to representatives of standardisation bodies, private companies, industry associations and research bodies.

Additional information and registration available at
http://www.modibec.org/en/events/modibec_china_national_event_27_-_28_october_2008_beijing.htm

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Project News: ROSATTE presents first report

Date: 3 September 2008

The ROSATTE consortium has finalised the first project deliverables on State-of-the-art (D1.1) and Requirements & overall architecture (D1.2).

The deliverable on State-of-the-Art (D1.1) describes the current situation of European road authorities and infrastructure operators with respect to how safety relevant data is stored, exchanged and updated. The report presents results from a questionnaire distributed to road authorities and agencies inside and outside Europe. The survey looked at different aspects such as the road network, organisational aspects, laws and regulations, as well as the current situation regarding safety attributes, databases, applications and data exchange.

The deliverable on Requirements and Overall architecture (D1.2) defines the project scope, users, user requirements and derived system requirements. High-level criteria for user requirements, user cases and data flow have been defined, by both road authorities and information providers.

The two documents will be extensively presented and discussed at the forthcoming workshop on Requirements, to take place in Paris on 17 September.

Registration is open until 09 September. Please visit the ROSATTE website and register online.

The documents will be distributed in advance to all participants in the 17 September workshop in order to provide first-hand insight into the identified requirements and architecture and to trigger an insightful debate at the workshop.

We look forward to meeting you in Paris.

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