

GREETINGS FROM THE PIMRC 2000 GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Welcome to Britain for PIMRC 2000. For the 10th anniversary of the Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Conference we return to its founding location - London. This is all the more appropriate with the world's first auction by the UK Government of five operator licences for 3rd Generation mobility (UMTS) which started in March 2000. As we go to press, the auction has already set new records in spectrum bidding of over £13 billion.

We have located our conference in the heart of London at the Hilton London Metropole Hotel which is set to become Europe's premier convention hotel. Being near to Oxford Street and the capital's entertainment centre, gives our guests ample opportunity to explore many of the famous shops, night life and tourist attractions. Our technical agenda breaks new ground with a focus on 3rd Generation mobility in the new millennium and the convergence between Mobility and the Internet. There will be six Executive Panels discussions during the conference and on the same day as our Tutorials (Monday) we welcome the collocation of EMPS - the European Mobile and Personal Satellite Workshop.

This year's conference promises to be one of the best ever. We feel that we have been successful in assembling the comprehensive, futuristic technical content you seek in an enjoyable historic setting. We are also delighted with the record level of support we have received from the Industry. On behalf of the PIMRC 2000 organisers, I extend a sincere welcome to you.

Dr Tom Rowbotham - Director Technology, BT

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MESSAGE FROM THE PIMRC 2000 TECHNICAL PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN

Over 300 papers have been selected for presentation in the Technical Sessions at PIMRC 2000. In addition, there are high-quality tutorials on such topics as wireless IP, broadband wireless access, wireless application protocol (WAP) and ad-hoc networks on Monday 18th September before the main conference. During the conference we have organised 6 Panel Sessions which do not overlap with the Technical Sessions to enable all conference attendees to benefit from presentations by leaders in the telecommunications industry and research laboratories.

There will be key sessions on mobile computing, UMTS/IMT 2000, wireless IP, WAP, CDMA and many more. Much of this technology originates in Europe, so it is appropriate that this conference is held in London for the year 2000. London is an exciting place in which to live and work; I would not wish to live anywhere else.

Prof Hamid Aghvami - King's College London

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MESSAGE FROM THE EMPS 2000 CHAIRMAN

Satellite-mobile communications has attracted steadily growing interest over the last decade. As the integration of satellite and terrestrial systems progresses to commercial implementation in 3rd Generation networks, new challenges and opportunities face the research community. Seamless delivery of services regardless of whether by satellite or terrestrial infrastructure, is a demanding goal, particularly as increasingly broadband IP based applications become the norm. Clearly, then, in holding EMPS 2000 in conjunction with PIMRC 2000, a unique opportunity is created for exchange of ideas between satellite specialists and the wider terrestrial systems research community.

This is the first time that EMPS has been held outside Italy, a clear indication of the growing international significance of this workshop series. Thanks to generous sponsorship and presentations of high quality and topicality, EMPS 2000 promises to be a stimulating and enjoyable event.

Prof John Gardiner - University of Bradford

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