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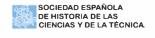
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Welcome to Histelcon 2010

We are very proud to organise in Madrid, Spain, the 2nd Conference on the History of Telecommunications, offering worldwide professionals the opportunity to meet and improve friendship and knowledge of this important sector.

The three organizations which are involved in this event are:

- The IEEE, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, which is the world most numerous international organization of engineers. Its members are around 400.000 worldwide. The IEEE has a unit dedicated to history: the History Centre. Being the IEEE such a big organization, it is divided into Regions. Spain belongs to Region 8. This Region is also committed to history and organised the first Histelcon in Paris two years ago, in 2008.
- The Spanish Association of Telecommunication Engineers, AEIT, which is a private non-profit organization that was established in 1926 in Madrid. Its members are all over Spain, and are PhD (DPhil) and telecommunication engineers. Since its formation, the AEIT has been defending the profession of telecommunication engineer, and how engineering work has to be carried out in order to improve quality of communication services, in a direct way, and to develop our society and enhance the economy, in an indirect one. Since the year 2000, the AEIT has an area dedicated to history: the Telecommunications Historical Forum, thus commemorating this year its tenth anniversary.
- The Technical University of Madrid (Politécnica), is a university that offers different graduate engineering programs and postgraduate ones. Some of the different faculties that currently belong to this university were created in the XVIII and XIX centuries, although they remained independent until 1971, when the Technical University of Madrid was established. In the telecommunications engineer curricula, there are some subjects about history that improve the knowledge that young people have of what their future profession will be.

The idea of organizing an international conference about the history of telecommunications came out in a Symposium that was organized by the Spanish Association of Telecommunication Engineers and the Spanish Society of History of Sciences and Techniques. It was held in Badajoz (Spain) in 2008, during the same dates that the first Histelcon. Some of the members of the Telecommunications Historical Forum were presenting papers. During the dinner, we thought that a very nice idea to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the launching of this Forum would be to organise an international conference. We knew that we had to get in touch with an international organization which was also interested in this matter in order to organise it together. The IEEE seemed to be the perfect partner and we decided to get in touch with it, through Pilar Molina, who told us about Histelcon. Since then, we began our work in the organization of the Conference and a few months later the Technical University of Madrid joined us in this exciting task.

I would like to thank the three organizations, the IEEE, the Spanish Association of Telecommunication Engineers and the Technical University of Madrid, that have bet for this Conference specially in a difficult time as the one we are living in.

I also like to thank to Fundación Telefónica for the invaluable contribution to this Conference and for the support we have received form them.

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I can not forget to say something about the Scientific Committee which has done an excellent work reviewing all the abstracts in order to select the ones which are presented in this Conference (Brian Bowers, Eiju Matsumoto, Javier Nadal, Jesús Sánchez, José María Romeo, Magdalena Salazar, Manuel Sierra, Mischa Schwartz, and Rik Nebeker).

Of course, I have to give very special thanks to the members of the organizing Committee (Jacob Baal-Schem, Pilar Molina, José Manuel Huidobro Moya, Abelardo Tabuenca, Antonio Pérez) who have been working hard to make this Conference possible and the secretariat (Ana Carravilla; David Nieto, Jorge Aritmendi, María García, María del Mar Gallego, Rocío Núñez y Susana Pérez) that has been helping us with everything.

I hope this Conference will give you a better understanding of the perspective of telecommunications, and that you develop old and new friendships among different colleges who also have an interest in THIS history. Hopefully this will be translated in future cooperation.

On behalf of the Organizing committee, the IEEE, the Spanish Association of Telecommunication Engineers and the Technical University of Madrid, I would like to welcome you to Histelcon 2010 held in Madrid and I hope you enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed organising it.

Olga Pérez Sanjuán

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