

Report 8th E3 IST Concertation Meeting

Interfaces and Enhanced Services Signal Processing and Mixed Reality

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Reflection from previous Concertation mtg:

Proposal for the Concertation Meeting to take a pro-active role re. adding MPEG-4 to MHP. A concern is the MPEG-4-LA licensing bottleneck.

Recent Activities:

EU-China2002: NexTV and Sambits projects had presentations in the conference (www.eurochina2002.com/conference_presentations/). The NexTV presentation is also on the NexTV and Ice-cream website. The organization also made posters of the projects in Chinese. Sambits project also had a demo at the exhibition.

Conferences and exhibitions:

- MPEG Fairfax mtg: presented by Oliver Avaro. Main points: MPEG-7 call for proposal: extension of BIM to handle XLM. MPEG-4: advanced text and 2D graphics; loss less audio coding. Furthermore pressure has been put on the licensing for MPEG-4.

It will be explored whether it is possible and feasible to have an OPI for the Concertation Cluster for tools and their use.

- IBC2002 is from September 13-17, 2002 in Amsterdam. If projects want to participate, they have to take the initiative. There might still be some space on the NTC
- IEEE conference on Consumer Electronics is from September 23-26, 2002 in Ilmenau
- Bucharest Broadband Conference is from October 9-10, 2002. This conference is organized/sponsored by the EU. They are looking for presenters for network and interactive TV topics.
- [Net@Home](#) conference is from November 13-15 in Nice. A Concertation Meeting will be scheduled around this conference.
- Media Futures Conference
- Picture coding symposium, PCS 2003, April 23-25, Saint Malo, INRIA.

Results 7th and 8th call

The projects from this call form a strategic bridge to the FP6. Projects that are in the process of contract signing are: GMF (Port. Telecom), ISIS (FT R&D), ASSET (Thomson), CONFLUENT (Brunel Univ.), Muffins (Optibase).

Finishing projects: need to provide an electronic version of the TIP.

Future activities

IST 2002 is in Copenhagen from November 4-6, 2002. Proposal for conference and exhibition are requested. Deadline was May 31.

An integrated audit for all projects will be in week 3 or 4 in 2003.

IFA2003 / IBC2003 enquiries are started for organizing a joint event like we did for IBC2001.

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The Commission will investigate whether it is possible to maintain a E3 website with a repository of old projects.

The next Concertation meeting is September 11-12. This will be in collaboration with the 'mobile' colleagues.

Potential topics for concertation meetings (all ideas are welcome): evolution compression systems, EBU comparisons, DRM, eye-2eye, connected home, digital cinema, presence, telepresence, applications, etc.....

Presentation document on metadata by J.P. Evain and discussion on how and where to get it published and distributed. All idea's are welcome.

Preparation for FP6

The goal of this brainstorm session was merely to agree on some strong issues that definitely should be in the FP6 call and that could be presented at the dedicated workshop the next day. Major issues concern: metadata and rights management, transactional metadata, design for all, optimizing the resources along the value chain, high level integration tools for content production (i.e., from Flash and Studio3Max to Mpeg-4), internet adaptability. The two following concertation meetings will be used for the call preparation.