

Editorial

Another FITCE working year is quickly coming to an end. This is the right moment to highlight a few topics that were among the most noteworthy.

As you probably remember, starting about a year ago, we have been involved in a "change"-process. Taking into account the unique situation that FITCE.be is mostly managed by enthusiastic volunteers with a very busy professional life, this process is taking somewhat more time than initially foreseen.

You surely already noticed the new FITCE.be house-style with a new logo and a new look for the website and newsletter. The website will become increasingly interactive in the near future.

We have also started adapting the format of our events. We are sure that our members and participants will appreciate the changes. And we'll continue on this path over the next months.

I would like to thank our FITCE board colleagues for all their efforts in this process and especially want to express my gratitude towards Marc Lambert, whose work as Editor and responsible for Communications for over 7 years was invaluable. As he indicated in the previous newsletter, Marc's contribution will gradually be phased out and his task will be taken over by others. Thank you Marc !

As every year, FITCE.be contributed much to the international FITCE congress that took place in Warsaw. As usual, three awards were granted for the best presentations and best paper. We are so proud that all prizes were won by Belgian speakers; a unique and sensational result for our organisation, and a welcome recognition of the quality of the work and talent of our presenters.

We will continue next year to organise interesting events, as well as our second "FITCE.be Young ICT Personality" contest. The 2008 international congress will be organised in Liverpool by our UK-colleagues. We expect again an important Belgian delegation.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to already take the opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy 2008.

Thank you for your continued interest in our organisation. I hope to meet all of you next year at one of our events.

José Van Ooteghem
President

46th FITCE Congress Warsaw, Poland

Belgium scores big at the 2007 congress in Warsaw

A new milestone in the European FITCE community has been achieved this year: the FITCE Congress 2007 was the first to be organised in Eastern Europe. Poland's capital Warsaw was the host of the 2007 FITCE congress. The Congress with as motto "The Broadband Way to the Future" took place from 30th of August to 1st of September 2007. About 150 ICT professionals from 16 different EU national FITCE member organisations made the trip to Warsaw and they received value for their presence. As usual, the Belgian delegation was well represented with 13 participants (without the partners).

During the Gala Dinner, the FITCE Congress Awards were presented and all 3 awards were granted to Belgian speakers:

- Nico De Blauwe : award for Best Presenter
- Jan Van Ooteghem : award for Best Young Presenter
- Eleni Kosta : award for Best Paper

FITCE.be hereby warmly expresses its thanks and congratulations to all Belgian contributors and especially to the award-winning speakers.



From second left to right, the four Belgian speakers: Nico De Blauwe, Eleni Kosta, Jan Van Ooteghem and Patrick Boets

[Read and see more](#), especially for an interview with the award winners.

Program of Activities 2008

The programme of 2007 came to an end with the 'Internet of Things' event in the House of the Future. See www.fitce.be for the news item that gives an overview of the planned events for 2008. The first event of that year will be a half day symposium/workshop on WiMAX on February 7, 2008 at the VUB.



Drupal and FITCE.be Reengineering

Drupal is software that allows an individual or a community of users to easily publish, manage and organize a great variety of content on a website. Equipped with a powerful blend of features, Drupal lets you build a variety of websites ranging from personal weblogs, corporate websites and e-commerce websites, to large community-driven websites.

On October 15, Dries Buytaert, inventor and prime mover of this open software product introduced us to the many qualities of Drupal.



[Read more](#)

Drupal is also a key element in the restyling effort which is part of the reengineering effort that FITCE.be is going through. The www.fitce.be website, as of October 12, has been running on a Drupal base. The minor imperfections that remain will be worked in the near future, but we surely hope you already appreciate the lighter and trendier look. Another element of course is the restyled newsletter of which this one is the very first. If you have strong ideas about the one or the other, do not hesitate to tell us at webmaster@fitce.be. As you can already verify right now, the website will increasingly contain video material and will likely be augmented with more interactive features as our reengineering effort proceeds. The concept for the website and newsletter were produced by Sigmund while the initial build of the website was performed by Codefellas.

Our upgrading efforts do not stop at cosmetics of course. The intent is to lift all of our events to a higher level. The 'Internet of Things' evening in the 'House of the Future' is an example of what our ambition is for the future. Although it will be difficult and indeed not even necessary to find locations with the same stature for our future events, we shall certainly continue to strive for high quality speakers to address current and relevant topics in ICT and Media. Bear with us and share the excitement.

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Internet of Things

On November 12, a large crowd gathered at the House of the Future in Vilvoorde to attend the unquestionably most prestigious event of the year for FITCE.be. This occasion was the first main event in a cooperation that FITCE.be engaged with communications firm Sigmund in an effort to considerably increase the impact of the association. The exceptional setting, the quality of the speakers (Jo Cornu and Joachim Devos) and the excellent catering all contributed to a highly successful evening.



[Read more and see lots of video](#)

FITCE.be Young ICT Personality 2008

Competition Announcement

"The goal of the contest is to allow young professionals to share their ideas and views on a specific telecom topic with a larger audience of professionals and leaders from the industry"

For this second contest, the theme is: **The Media and Communications Industry anno 2015**. The first contest, held in 2006, culminated in a neck to neck race between three talented young professionals during an evening session which was one of the best attended and liveliest events of that year. The competition is open to professionals, not older than 32 as of January 1, 2008. The main prize this time is a hefty 1000 euro, surely value enough to put in a little effort. If you need more encouragement to get moving on this, visit the website [page](#) where the previous winner Steven Van den Berghe, explains what it meant to him to be part of and eventually win this competition. You can find the rules of the competition [here](#).

Membership Renewal

As the year draws to an end, we like to encourage you to renew your membership. You really don't want to miss all the action foreseen for 2008. So please react quickly when you receive the traditional letter from our secretary. The fees for 2008 are:

- Individual: €45
- Company: €250
- Supporting company: €1500

See the [membership](#) page for the complete rules and the continued extra advantage for young employees of company and supporting company members.

