

Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,

Allow me to say a few words after the 21st CIRCOM Regional Annual Conference in Grado.

**180** participants attended the Annual Conference. There were **16** Workshops in which **47** speakers participated and almost each one of them had either video or Power Point presentation. **To put it briefly, the Conference was both a very successful one and professionally a very interesting one. Next year in Wroclaw we shall try, of course, to go one step further.**

During this Conference, a special interest was shown in **Co-production Workshops** (the biggest attendance ever so far) and a particular interest in **Library** (more than **150** programme viewing).

**Young Circom** (Training for young journalist held once a year) proved its quality and a huge need for professional education of young journalists. This is best proved by the fact that the number of applicants for Training was double than usual.

Therefore, on this occasion I would like to express our thanks and congratulations:

- to Pier Luigi Malesani, to his crew and to the whole RAI for the perfect organisation of the Conference, for their professionalism, for the effort they put in their work and for their extraordinary hospitality;
- to all the Moderators and all the Speakers;
- to all the Winners of Prix CIRCOM;
- to all the Sponsors of Awards (European Parliament, Committee of the Regions, TVP3, France3);
- to all the collaborators in Training (particularly to Thomson Foundation and the international team of trainers);
- to the Council of Europe for financing the Training;
- to all the National Co-ordinators for their professionalism and their patience in filling-in the Questionnaires, for their active work during the whole year, for answering mails;
- to the hosts of the 2004 Annual Conference in Wroclaw (TVP3, Ryszard Nowak, Piotr Borys).

On this occasion may I remind you that as of this **June 1st** the **EbS co-ordination** will be done in Zagreb. Therefore I kindly ask all those who have been contributing the programmes for EbS transmissions, to send their programmes to Zagreb, urgently (contact is Branka Prazic). The Prix Circom winning programmes will be transmitted on EbS on 04/06/03 at 21:00 CET, on 05/06/03 at 05:30 and on 0/06/03 at 12:00. Of course, these programmes will be re-transmitted.

Do not forget to visit the new CIRCOM Web page (<http://www.circom-regional.org>). We do expect your reactions impatiently.

Once again, on behalf of the CR Secretariat in Zagreb, on behalf of the CR Secretariat in Strasbourg and from me personally, please accept our gratitude for your work and understanding. It is a great pleasure to be part of the CIRCOM family.

With best regards,

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