



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government of Lithuania in cooperation with the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) will host the World Information Technology Forum WITFOR, held in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, on 27-29 August 2003.

WITFOR is a unique initiative of exceptional value. The Vilnius WITFOR will launch a regular cycle of conferences to be held every second year.

The topic of WITFOR is Information Communication Technology equity. The target of WITFOR is to hold a round table of politicians and senior officials responsible for information development from both developing and developed countries; representatives of non-governmental organizations; representatives of inter-governmental organizations; experts.

The goal of WITFOR is to prepare and help implement information development strategies and projects in developing countries.

I kindly invite you to come to Vilnius and make your personal contribution to seeking solutions in the field of Information Communication Technology equity!

The inequity of information and knowledge has today become a main issue in the global development. It penetrates deep and leaves its trace in all areas of our everyday life - education, health care, economic competitiveness, protection of environment as well as development of democracy, internal and external stability.

No one but ourselves seeking to modernize our countries and guarantee well-being and peace to our citizens can put the resolution of the Information Communication Technology equity problem on the global scale.

In Vilnius we will stand side by side to cope with this complex and highly significant task!



Algirdas Brazauskas  
Prime Minister  
of the Republic of Lithuania  
Honorary Chairman  
of the WITFOR - Vilnius 2003

# WITFOR - VILNIUS 2003 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2003

07.30	09.30	REGISTRATION
09.30	11.00	OPENING SESSION

Chaired by:  
**Mr. Peter Bollerley**, Chairman, WITFOR Steering Committee  
**H.E. Algirdas Brazauskas**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania, Honorary Chairman of the WITFOR-Vilnius 2003, former President of the Republic of Lithuania  
**H.E. Rolandas Paksas**, President of the Republic of Lithuania  
**Dr. Yoshio Utsumi**, Secretary General, ITU  
**H.E. Valdas Adamkus**, former President of the Republic of Lithuania, Goodwill Ambassador for the Construction of Knowledge Societies, UNESCO  
**Prof. Dr. Klaus Brunstein**, President, IFIP  
**Mr. Daewon Choi**, Head of Knowledge Economy Unit, UNECE

11.00	11.30	COFFEE BREAK
11.30	13.00	OPENING SESSION (continued)

Chaired by:  
**Henrikas Iouchkivitchious**, Adviser Director General, former Assistant Director General for Information and Communication, UNESCO

Keynote speakers:  
**Prof. Dr. Abdul Waheed Khan**, Assistant Director General for Information and Communication, UNESCO  
**Prof. Dr. Subhash Bhatnagar**, Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India  
**Mr. Ali Shabou**, Regional and Technical Cooperation Division, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

13.00	14.30	LUNCH
14.30	15.15	SPECIAL SESSION

Chaired by:  
**Mr. Leon Strous**, IFIP WITFOR Steering Committee  
 Keynote speaker:  
**Mr. Francesco Serafini**, Senior Vice President & General Manager, Europe, Middle East and Africa Services, Hewlett-Packard

15.15	18.15	PARALLEL SESSIONS
15.15	18.15	PARALLEL SESSIONS: INDUSTRY SESSION

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Renaldas Gudauskas**, WITFOR Steering Committee, Adviser of Prime Minister of Lithuania

Speakers:  
**Mr. Frank M. Hauck**, Executive Vice President, Customer Operations, EMC Corporation  
**Mr. Antanas Zabulis**, President, Omnitel  
**Mr. Simon Perry**, Vice President Security Strategy, Computer Associates  
**Mr. Darius Masionis**, Director General, Bite GSM  
**Mr. Sergio Giacometto**, Executive Vice President, Europe, Middle East & Africa, Oracle  
**Mr. Mark De Simone**, Vice President, Marketing Development and Channels, Europe, Middle East & Africa, Cisco Systems  
**Mr. Patrick De Smedt**, Vice President Central & Southern Europe, Microsoft  
**Mr. Amin Mayer**, General Director, UAB Siemens  
**Mr. Arunas Slekyas**, Vice President and General Manager, Hughes Network Systems, Inc.  
**Prof. Gintautas Zintelis**, Chairman of the Board, Lietuvos telekomas, former Minister of Communications and Informatics, Lithuania

15.15	18.15	PARALLEL SESSIONS: EIGHT COMMISSIONS
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### Commission No. 1: Preparing the ground for ICT

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Chrisanthi Avgerou**, London School of Economics, UK

Speakers:  
**Dr. Sundeep Sahay**, University of Oslo, Norway  
**Mrs. Natalia Volkov**, INEGI, Mexico  
**Mr. Jonathan Miller**, Miller Essential & Associates, South Africa

### Commission No. 2: Building the infrastructure

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Dr. Ramon Puigjaner**, Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain  
**Prof. Dr. Ahmed El-Sherbini**, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Egypt

### Commission No. 3: Economic opportunity

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Steve Elliot**, University of Sydney, Australia  
**Mr. Aurimas Matulis**, Information Society Development Committee under the Government, Lithuania

Speakers:  
**Dr. Wang Angeng**, International Trust and Investment Corporation, China  
**Prof. Gerald Quirchmayr**, University of Vienna, Austria  
**Mr. Jackie Phahlamohlaka**, University of Pretoria, South Africa  
**Dr. Marcos Clayton Fernandes Pessoa**, State University of Ceara & Software Institute of Ceara, Brazil

### Commission No. 4: Empowerment and participation

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Dr. Roland Traunmüller**, Linz University, Austria  
**Prof. Claudio Menezes**, UNESCO, Uruguay

Speakers:  
**Mr. Pan Jun Lee**, President, NETPA, South Korea  
**Prof. Gabriele Kotais**, Austrian Computer Society and Linz University, Austria  
**Prof. Gerald Quirchmayr**, University of Vienna, Austria  
**Prof. Michele Trimarchi**, IPV - Human Rights Association, Italy  
**Dr. Igor Agamirizan**, Microsoft - Cambridge, Russia  
**Prof. Rimantas Petruskas**, Law University, Lithuania  
**Mrs. Alicia Ramaribana**, Ministry of Communications Science and Technology, Botswana

**Prof. Luciana Luisa Paperschi**, IPV Rome, Italy  
**Prof. Wichian Chutimaskul**, King Mongkut's University of Technology (Thonburi), Thailand  
**Mr. Meyerhoff Nielsen Morten**, European Institute for Public Administration, Maastricht, Netherlands  
**Mr. Marc Mausch**, Mmori technology group, Germany  
**Prof. Ake Groenlund**, Orebro University, Sweden  
**Prof. Luiz Antonio Joya**, Vargas Foundation, Brazil  
**Mr. Arindam Bose**, Ministry of Communications Science and Technology, Botswana

### Commission No. 5: Health

Chaired by:  
**Dr. Jorn Braa**, University of Oslo, Norway  
**Dr. Bernd Blobel**, University of Magdeburg, Germany

Speakers:  
**Dr. Esselina Macome**, the Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique  
**Dr. Mikko Korpela**, University of Kuopio, Finland  
**Mr. Calle Hedberg**, University of the Western Cape, South Africa  
**Dr. Zubeeda Banu Qureshi**, Health Information Systems Project, Andhra Pradesh, India  
**Mr. Vincent Shaw**, Health Information Systems Programme, South Africa  
**Dr. Sundeep Sahay**, University of Oslo, Norway

### Commission No. 6: Education

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Raul Wazlawick**, Uni. Fed Santa Catarina-CTC-INE, Brazil  
**Mrs. Aicha Bah Diallo**, UNESCO, France  
**Prof. Habil dr. A. Targamadza**, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania

Speakers:  
**Dr. Algirdas Monkevicius**, Minister of Science and Education, Lithuania  
**Dr. Alexey Semenov**, Moscow Institute of Open Education, Russian Federation  
**Dr. Elena Bulin-Sokolova**, Director, Institute of New Technologies of Education, Russian Federation  
**Prof. Alain Sentenil**, Director, Virtual Centre for Innovative Learning Technologies, University of Mauritius, Mauritius  
**Prof. Pedro Hepp**, Instituto de Informatica Educativa, University of La Frontera, Chile  
**Dr. Americo Tristão Bernardes**, Ministry of Education, Brazil  
**Mrs. Mariana Patru**, UNESCO, France

### Commission No. 7: Environment

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Dave Swayne**, University of Guelph, Canada  
**Prof. Knut Erik Solem**, University of Science and Technology, Norway

Speakers:  
**Prof. Prof. Haakon Lein**, University of Science and Technology, Norway  
**Mr. Paul Opoku-Mensah**, University of Science and Technology, University of Bergen, Norway  
**Prof. Mieso Denko**, University of Guelph-Humber, Canada  
**Prof. Colin Mayfield**, University of Waterloo and United Nations University, Canada

### Commission No. 8: Social and ethical aspects

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Jacques Beurier**, IFIP-TC9 Chairman, University of Namur, Belgium  
**Mr. Björn Bjarnason**, Minister of Justice, Iceland  
**Prof. Klaus Brunstein**, IFIP President, University of Hamburg, Germany

Speakers:  
**Prof. Abiodun O. Bada**, Virginia State University, USA  
**Prof. Gunilla Bradley**, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden  
**Prof. Penny Duquenoey**, Middlesex University, London, UK  
**Mr. Peter Mambrey**, Fraunhofer Institute, Sankt Augustin, Germany  
**Prof. Alan Sloane**, University of Wolverhampton, UK  
**Mr. Gunnar Wenngren**, Defence Research Agency (FOI), Linköping, Sweden

## 20.00 CONCERT. WELCOME RECEPTION

## THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2003

09.00	13.00	IT MINISTERS PANEL
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Chaired by:  
**Prof. Dr. William Miller**, Stanford University, USA  
 IT Ministers presentations and panel discussion:

**Mr. Henrikas Iouchkivitchious**, Adviser Director General, UNESCO  
**Mr. Dermot Ahern T. D.**, Minister of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Ireland  
**Mr. Andrei V. Korotkov**, First Deputy Minister for Communication and Informatization, Russian Federation  
**Mr. Virgilijus Bulovas**, Minister of Interior, Lithuania  
**Mr. Zigmantas Balciytis**, Minister of Communications, Lithuania  
**Mr. Dan Nica**, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Romania  
**Mr. Lephimotswe Boyce Sebetela**, Minister of Communications, Science and Technology, Botswana  
**Mr. Björn Bjarnason**, Minister of Justice, Iceland  
**Mr. John. Caloghrisou**, Secretary for the Information Society, Ministry of National Economy and Finance, Greece  
**Mr. Son Yeongi**, President, Department of Project Development, Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion (KADO), Korea  
**Mr. Oleg V. Yacenko**, State Committee for Communications and Informatization, Ukraine  
**Dr. Mikhail M. Makhaniok**, Director General, National Centre of Information Resources and Technologies, Belarus  
**Mr. Luis A Sanchez**, Executive Director, Comisión e-Panamá, Panama

13.00	14.30	LUNCH
14.30	15.15	SPECIAL SESSION

Chaired by:  
**Prof. Johannes Dewald Roode**, IFIP, WITFOR Steering Committee  
 Keynote speaker:  
**Mr. Arturas Zuokas**, Mayor of Vilnius City, Lithuania

15.15	18.15	PARALLEL EIGHT COMMISSIONS SESSIONS
20.00		GALLA DINNER

## FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 2003

09.00	13.00	CLOSING SESSION
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Chaired by: **Prof. Dr. Dipak Khakhar**, IFIP, WITFOR Steering Committee  
 Reports of Eight Commissions  
 Presentation of Vilnius Declaration  
 Closing session

## A State of The Art Conference to Move Global IT Equity Agenda Forward

Help put equity on agenda of different organizations and governments and groups now involved in technology.

Work with different groups to ensure that issue of IT equity to put on the agenda of policy makers and political leaders.

Be more aggressive in using new technologies explicitly to reduce existing social tensions and conflicts.

Influence scholars, analysts and researchers to put the issue of electronic equity high on their research agendas.

Make analysts in industrialized nations, both individuals and groups listen to and learn from their colleagues around the world about the unique concern over access to technology.

## Vilnius Declaration

Vilnius Declaration will focus on the following themes:

1. Preparing the Ground for Information Communication Technology
2. Building the Infrastructure
3. Economic Opportunity
4. Empowerment and Participation
5. Health
6. Education
7. Environment
8. Social and Ethical Aspects

Experts from over 30 nations are making the draft of Vilnius Declaration. If you are interested in participation of the development of Vilnius Declaration you are invited to contact the co-chair of the theme of your choice: [www.witfor.lt](http://www.witfor.lt)

WITFOR 2003 will be attended by experts from different governments and organizations all over the world. Participate and Come to Lithuania.

## Sponsors and Donors

IFIP is going to organize next WITFOR in 2005. Between WITFOR 2003 and WITFOR 2005 a number of projects will be initiated to promote the proposals of Vilnius Declaration. Please contact WITFOR Secretariat for further information.

## Exhibition

The exhibition held at WITFOR 2003 will give you an excellent opportunity to demonstrate your products and services which help to overcome the digital divide. For further information please contact WITFOR Secretariat.

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