

N A T O ————  ———— O T A N

SERVICE DE PRESSE

PRESS SERVICE

NATO/OTAN, 1110 Brussels/Bruxelles • Tel.: 728 41 11 - Telex: 25-599  
Telefax/Télécopieurs: 728 50 57 - 728 50 58

**PRESS RELEASE (95)28**

**4 April 1995**

**NATO SPONSORS LINKGUIDE: AN ON-LINE DATABASE OF KEY  
TELECOMMUNICATION RESOURCES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Researchers from ten Central and Eastern European countries will meet in Paris April 7th to finalize a key telecommunication database which will be made available to the international community through the "information highway".

The objective of the NATO-funded project "LinkGuide" is to create a database of key telecommunication and computer science resources in Central and Eastern Europe, such as firms, universities, research and development centres and individuals. Representatives from ten Cooperation Partner nations and France will take part in the meeting, held at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Paris. Co-directed by Poland and France, the project's success is due to the strong partnership which has developed among the following institutions:

The Franco-Polish School of New Information and Communication Technologies, POLAND; Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Bretagne, FRANCE; University of Telecommunication of St. Petersburg, RUSSIA; Bulgarian Academy of Science, BULGARIA; Institute of Mathematics and Informatics of Vilnius, LITHUANIA; University of Transport and Telecommunications of Zilina, SLOVAK REPUBLIC; University of Latvia, LATVIA; Hungarian Academy of Science, HUNGARY; Czech Technical University of Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC; Institute of Condensed Matter Physics, UKRAINE; and the Research Institute for Informatics of Bucharest, ROMANIA.

The focus of the database's fields of activity include telecommunication, computer sciences and electronics: manufacturers, service providers, wholesale traders, professional organisations, business associations, schools and public administration. The database, which will be updated monthly, will be accessible on-line through Internet, X25 or modem; an e-mail automatic answering machine; a fax server; and in the near future, a videotext service (via the French network of minitel).

Those wishing additional information about LinkGuide may contact Wieslawa Mastalerz (mastal@efp.poz.edu.pl) or Christophe Shaw (xshaw@efp.poz.edu.pl), tel: int'l-48-61-48.34.06, fax: int'l-48-61-48.35.82, or Jean-Paul Nadreau (nadreau@hq.nato.int), Programme Director, Computer Networking, NATO Scientific Affairs Division, tel: int'l-32-2-728 4520, fax: int'l-32-2-728 4232.

***NATO Information is also available on E-Mail via the following address:  
"NATODOC@HQ.NATO.INT".***