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About TMC	<p>[March 20, 2008]</p> <h3>FTTH Council Europe: Landmark Fibre-To-The-Home Conference Demonstrates Europe Crossing The Chasm To Mass Market Fibre; Attendance at the FTTH Council Europe's Fifth Annual Conference Reaches Record Heights</h3> <p>(M2 PressWIRE Via Thomson Dialog NewsEdge) RDATE:20032008</p> <p>The FTTH Council Europe today announced a record number of attendees at its 5th annual conference, marking the growth in stature and maturing market environment for fibre in Europe. The event easily surpassed the 1200 visitors of the previous year's conference in Barcelona, with nearly 2200 delegates walking through the doors of the Palais des Congrès in Paris last month.</p> <p>Keynote speakers from the worlds of fibre technology, deployment, business development, investment and politics all provided positive insights into the future realities of FTTH in Europe, whilst exhibitors showed that FTTH is a mature technology that is ready for mass-rollout. Joeri Van Bogaert, President of the FTTH Council Europe comments;</p> <p>"The theme of this year's event was Crossing the Chasm to Mass Market Fibre," and its size and success has certainly proven that Europe is well on its way. France's own achievements in high-speed broadband made it the perfect conference city for us, and the many European case studies that we heard at the event, clearly demonstrates that European FTTH is taking huge strides forward."</p> <p>With over 60 exhibitors, 20 case studies and 80 key speakers, notable event highlights came from keynote speakers such as Herve Novelli, French Secretary of State in charge of enterprises and external trade, Bret T. Swanson, Senior Fellow and Director of the Centre for Global Innovation at The Progress & Freedom Foundation, Ken Ducatel of the European Commission, and Paul Champsaur, Chairman of ARCEP.</p> <p>In a dedicated French Perspective' session the four major French operators deploying FTTH and FTTB (Orange; Iliad-Free; Neuf Cegetel, Numericable) demonstrated the competitive nature of the market through their impressive service offerings- IP and HD TV; VoD and free telephony - for just 30 Euros a month.</p> <p>Interesting debates also arose from Philippe Osset, Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers who underlined FTTH's green credentials as a self cleaning technology' based on exclusive research conducted in collaboration with Christian Ollivry and the SUDEFIB (Sustainable Development and FTTH) Committee of the FTTH Council Europe, whilst Shkelzen Cakaj, Core Network Director, Post and Telecommunications of Kosovo, provided an insight into the future fibre plans of one of Europe's youngest independent states.</p> <p>Van Bogaert concludes, "We are delighted with the success of the conference and feedback from the delegates has been fantastic. Whilst highlighting the significant advancements in European FTTH, the event proves that we are standing on the cusp of taking European fibre to the next level.</p> <p>"As we at the Council continue our work to help take FTTH to mass market deployment in Europe, I am confident that our next annual conference in Copenhagen will be bigger and better again, and as the next 12 months will see even more significant developments in the European marketplace, the future for Europe is certainly bright."</p>									
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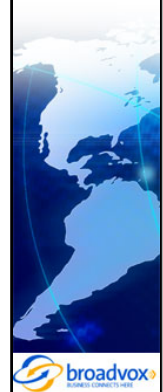


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