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FTTH COUNCIL EUROPE UNVEILS PLANS FOR 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS

French Capital to Play Host to the 'People's FTTH' Event

The FTTH Council Europe today announced details of its fifth annual conference, taking place at the Palais de Congres de Paris on the 27th and 28th February 2008. Under the theme 'Crossing the Chasm to Mass Market Fibre' the 2008 event is anticipated to attract a record 1,500 delegates from across the world of fibre and telecoms, as high-profile experts, commentators and influencers from across the industry converge on the city.

"The fibre landscape has changed, and we are delighted to take this event to a city that has contributed significantly to its progress," comments Joeri Van Bogaert, president of the FTTH Council Europe. "The theme of next year's event reflects the noteworthy European FTTH advancements of the past 12 months and will focus on taking fibre to the next level. Fibre is now beginning to impact the lives of the people of Europe and the international telecoms community must now encourage the investments that will take FTTH to the brink of mass market deployment."

The conference will be organised into different plenary and parallel sessions, designed to extend delegates knowledge of a wide range of fibre-related topics, such as regulatory and policy affairs, technical advancements, content and services, market environment and much more. At the same time, general sessions will ensure that all ongoing business trends are covered with European case studies and discussions of fibre deployments happening around the world.

In addition, an exhibitors' hall will have hands on experience of the latest technologies and solutions, and provide the opportunity to network and share experiences with other industry experts, vendors, telecom operators, policy makers, media and analysts.

Registrations are now open, and more details concerning the event will be posted online at <http://paris.europeftthcouncil.com> shortly. The event has been extremely popular in the past, and the Council encourages interested delegates to register as early as possible in order to secure places.

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About the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council Europe

The FTTH Council Europe www.europeftthcouncil.com is a market development organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, broadband access networks to consumers and businesses. With few exceptions, Europe lags well behind the US and Asian tiger economies in the availability of high-speed broadband services (100 Mbps and upwards). The Council believes that the development of fibre-based access networks is fundamental to the deployment of such services, and hence to reaping their benefits for European citizens and businesses.

The Council's charter is to work with European governments, policy-makers and opinion leaders qualify and quantify the benefits to be gained from fibre-based broadband access networks, and to identify and help to erode the barriers to their development. Council members are drawn from the telecoms (vendors), broadband content and academic sectors.

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