

PRESS RELEASE

The ways of culture meet thanks to GARR Network

Florence-Tokyo 17th April 2007 - GARR technological partner of the 3rd Italian – Japanese Networking Symposium: Technology of the latest generation for Cultural Heritage

Florence-Tokyo 17th April 2007 - GARR, the National Academic and Research Network, provides the networking and videoconferencing support to the 3rd Italian-Japanese Symposium “New Technologies on the way of Culture”, organized by the Tuscany Region in collaboration with the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and the Italian Embassy in Tokyo.

The event, last appointment of the two days of presence of Italy in Japan, will take place the 17th April at 9.00 and will take shape as a “networking symposium” which will connect the Italian Cultural Institute in Tokyo with the premises of the Regional Council of Tuscany, from which participants will be able to interact in real time using the DVTS technology.

Amongst the several Italian and Japanese authorities who will participate to this event, will attend, via videoconference, also the Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi. The Prime Minister will be made aware in Region Tuscany and Japan cooperation in the field of the technological innovation applied to the cultural heritage.

As a latest technology generation tool, DVTS (Digital Video Transport System) allows audio/video transmission at a very high definition (used for remote performances and music education) using 30Mbps for the transmission, about 100 times greater than normal videoconference services. The use of this new system is made possible also by the very wide bandwidth provided by the National Academic and Research Network, from the International Research Networks to which it connects to and to the Tuscany Regional Network (RTRT). For the occasion a new direct connection between Europe and Asia will be used, supporting the new protocol of Internet IPv6, too.

A further example on how new technologies can promote collaboration at international level in an area that usually isn't considered particularly technology-aware, as the one Arts and Humanities, breaking down geographical barriers and making interaction between different continents easy and transparent: almost as if live physical presence is achieved.

GARR, in collaboration with Internet2 and Géant2, respectively the American Research Networks and the pan European one, have already organized events that were transmitted in real time thanks to the DVTS technology.

For further information about the event, please visit: <http://www.garr.it/eventi/index.html> or contact Federica Tanlongo (+39.06.4962.2530)

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GARR: <http://www.garr.it>

GÉANT2: <http://www.geant2.net/>

Internet2: <http://www.internet2.edu/>

DVTS: <http://www.dvtsjp/en/dvts.htm>

Web site of the event: <http://www.e.toscana.it/agenda/simposio3/>