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Dear Reader,

The year 2003 is coming to its end – time to have a look what happened in the SPICE network. The five SPICE UPDATES published during the last 12 months (including this one) reported on all the events and activities. Therefore it would not be useful to repeat all this information. However it might be interesting to have a look at some important facts (more details are to be found in the earlier issues of SPICE UPDATE):

- During the **12th year of SPICE networking** and according to the general strategy of SPICE Group we continued our growth selectively and slowly but steadily. After **6 new members** joined the network during this year, we now are represented in **30 countries** with **68 members** in total – thereof 41 SPICE members and 27 members with the ICECE status. The SPICE network is now representing **18 associations**.
- SPICE events were held in five countries bringing the total number now to **99 SPICE meetings** (including the ICECE events from the very beginning of our networking).

On the Agenda 2004

- elections for Board & President – proposals?
 - adaptation of the A & O document
 - SPICE events all around the World (see SPICE Calendar)
 - Further development of SPICA Directory Online
 - Improve the SPICE Group web site (suggestions are welcome)
- The **infoDev Workshop Berlin**, organized in the framework of the ADT conference can be regarded as an important step in further developing the global network of business incubation programs. SPICE Group also was involved in organizing the infoDev Workshops in India and Brazil this year.
 - **Two International Summits** (in Richmond, Virginia, USA and Kitakyushu, Japan) helped to further develop global cooperation in the business incubation industry, for example with a mutually agreed definition of the term "business incubator"
 - The global directory of business incubators, science / technology parks and their associations, **SPICA Directory Online**, has developed. . Five more countries now are in this directory, a number of associations has updated in formation – so did individual incubators and parks.
 - Finally the SPICE network has its **SPICE Girls**: With the appearance of IZLARAH at the Berlin and the Kalisz conferences it became public that the Secretariats is Berlin and Poznan do not only provide the necessary administrative and organizational support, but also contribute to the artistic development and entertainment.

The year 2003 also provided opportunity to celebrate a number of anniversaries, e.g. 20 years of business incubators in Germany, 10th Anniversary of PBICA, Polish Business Incubation and Innovation Center Association, or anniversaries of individual business and innovation centers in the network. More events of this kind are expected for the coming year. Plus a number of projects and initiatives from the members of the SPICE network. As always members are asked to inform the Secretariats in time to ensure a proper presentation of their plans and achievements.

Best wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Healthy, Peaceful, Prosperous, and
Happy New Year 2004
from the SPICE Group Secretariats



Information, Facts & Views

Kazakhstan Conference and other Plans

Ambitious plans of the Science and Technology park Almaty are taking shape. During coming months **Yerik Dukenbayev** and his team will

- create website of Almaty Technopark and after that link our email and homepage with the SPICE Group Homepage;
- update website of KABIIC, the Kazakh Association of Business Incubators and Innovation Centers
- prepare for not big (insufficient funds) international conference in Almaty.

For more information, please contact: tbincubator@pochtamt.ru



report by Mircea Slanina

International The Speed of Technological Change

Crete, Greece, September 2003, the Group member **Mircea Slanina** (mircea.slanina@tehnopolis.ro) presented the paper entitled "The Speed of Technological Change and some of its Social Effects".

The contemporary technological change became the greatest menace for our blind planet. The alternative: survival vs. Control. The evaluation of innovation process stages (research, technologization, demonstration and dissemination) points the R&D is better controlled, as an intra-enterprise activity. The market development is much less controlled, because demonstration and dissemination (D&D) are external (intra-society) stages. D&D improvement would reduce specific social tensions. But there are no available procedures, no D&D specific organization for new technologies implementation. D&D is wrongly seen as an exclusive manufacturer's task. Many actors should contribute to any region's technological future. D&D new structures / activities (technology watch, technology implementation tracking, demonstration centers, "future users" associations, new-technology distributors schools) would be inserted in the regional business infrastructure (parks, incubators, development agencies). Standard modules for dissemination campaigns ("youth villages", "new technology" districts, "experimental" micro-regions) should be implemented through spatial planning, using the knowledge track tool. A kind of "regional social contract" would confirm the technological progress became a first-rank community mission.



Germany One more celebration

After the ADT conference in September 2003 already focused on 20 years of experience with business incubators in Germany, December 3, 2003 was the day to celebrate the 20th "birthday" of the first German business incubator, the BIG, Berlin Center for Innovation and new Enterprises. Some 160 invited participants celebrated this event in a huge historical industry hall, now part of the Technology and Innovation Park Berlin. Many of the pioneers of business incubation in Germany attended this birthday reception and – based on remembering how it all began – discussed the future perspective of business incubators in Germany as well as all around the world.



The 8th International Summit

The 8th International Summit of Business Incubation Associations was held in Kitakyushu, Japan, November 14, 2003 at the "Innovation Fiesta", an exhibition on innovation combine with a conference. At this moment we do not yet have a report on the Summit, which was a comparatively small one. However, as soon as information arrives, we will make it available to the members of the SÜPICE Group network.

Coming Events

BALTIC DYNAMICS 2004

Janis Stabulnieks is ringing the bell for the BALTIC DYNAMICS 2004. BASTIC and LTICA are the organizers of this conference – together with EBN. The main focuses will be "Development of National Innovation Systems", "Network Cooperation", "Role of Professional Associations", "Creation of Infrastructure for Knowledge-Based Business", "Technology Transfer & Commercialisation", and "Public-Private partnership". As usual SPICE Group is helping to prepare the event, but this time the aim is to organize a workshop special in content and form (see information in box on page "Answer Form")



New members



Margaret Mulqueen is Chief Executive Officer of Quantel International Limited, a software company already known in the SPICE network from the software seminars in Warnemünde and Vilnius. An important product of Quantel is company assessment software now being in the process of testing and evaluation by many business incubators throughout the world (more information, see www.quantel-international.com). Margaret decided to join the network (ICECE status) after she attended the infoDev Workshop in Berlin and could get her own impression of the SPICE Group activities. Contacts: margaret.mulqueen@qlbs.com

Some Pictures of the Year 2003 The following collection is taken from the SPICE events of 2003 – just to remind you on the meetings now already part of the history of business incubation.



↑ Richmond, May 2003: SPICE Meeting, NBIA Conference, and 7th International Summit ↑



↑ Vilnius, May 2003: SPICE Meeting, BALTIC DYNAMICS 2003, and Software Seminar ↑



↓ Lisbon, June 2003, SPICE Meeting and IASP Conference, ↓



↓ Berlin, September 2003, SPICE Meeting, ADT Anniversary Conference and infoDev Workshop ↓



↑ Kalisz, October 2003, SPICE Meeting, 14th Annual Conference, 10th Anniversary of PBICA ↑

A proposal: The Annual SPICE Meeting

A number of members proposed to name one of the SPICE meetings in each year being "the" SPICE Meeting. The idea is that as many members as possible try to attend this event to make sure that meeting provides the possibility to meet with as many members of the network as possible. As SPICE Group meanwhile is represented on almost every continent it will be a true challenge to bring all together and most likely we never will reach this goal- However it might be worth trying to name one specific event being "the one to attend".

For the coming year 2004 we have elections for the Board of Directors and President on the agenda. This might be a good reason for trying to bring together as many member as possible. Not only for the technical process of elections, but also to provide an opportunity to the candidates to present themselves and their plans to the membership. A proposal to organize this SPICE event is at the BALTIC DYNAMICS in Riga, Latvia, scheduled for September 2004. However, we are waiting for other suggestions. Please send your comments and proposals regarding this idea.

And finally...

There are a number of important issues on the SPICE Agenda for the year 2004- Elections for the Board of Directors, adaptations of the "SPICE A & O", changes of the coordination fee structure, and, of course, a number of important events in many countries.

This is the time to thank all members who contributed actively to developing the network of SPICE Group and thereby the increase of knowledge and experience in the business incubation industry. It is this motivated and engaged work of individuals that make things move.

Looking forward to an even more active cooperation with members and friends

Heinz Fiedler & Larisa Brovarska



Coming SPICE (and other) events

Christmas The next event is: Christmas. We hope you will enjoy the Holiday Season and have a peaceful and relaxing time with family and friends

First event in 2004: January 07 – 09, 2004: „Knowledge base Development: Free Zones and Hi-Education“ in Chabahar Free Zone, Iran

Chabahar Free zone, Iran, January 7-9, 2004
Title: „Knowledge Base Development: Free Zones and Hi-Education“. Conference and exhibition. Organizer of this conference will offer facilities for foreign speakers or companies to participate in this event, such as ticket, accommodation, SPICE Members are invited to propose papers / keynote presentations related with Knowledge Development. Further information is available through direct contact with SPICE Group member **Amin Salari**. Email: salari@techpark.ir

Christchurch, New Zealand March 9-13, 2004
A special event: First time SPICE Group is directly taking part in an event for business incubation professionals in New Zealand. The new SPICE Girl Margaret Mulqueen is one of the key persons behind this activity. The program planning is under way and we will keep members interested informed. The SPICE Calendar, of course, will be updated accordingly.

Riga, Latvia September 9-12, 2004
At the BALTIC DYNAMICS 2004, to be held in Riga, SPICE Group will be organizing a special Workshop around topics participants are most interested in. For a proper preparations of such a discussion based workshop, proposals for topics and statements (not long presentations!) are needed. Please use the answer form for your suggestions and send it to Ltc@latnet.lv and spice@spice-group.de

If you are interested in coming events, look at www.spice-group.net/events or contact spice@spice-group.de

The SPICE Calendar 2003 / 4

For information about coming events check the web site:

www.spice-group.net/events



Events of SPICE History

<i>Warnemünde, Germany</i> May 10, 2003	95	<i>Vilnius, Lithuania</i> May 15–17, 2003	96	<i>Virginia, USA</i> May 18–21, 2003	97	<i>Lisbon, Portugal,</i> June 1-4, 2003
98	<i>Berlin, Germany,</i> September 28-30, 2003	99	<i>Kalisz, Poland,</i> October 12-14, 2003	<i>Kitakyushu, Japan,</i> November 12-14, 2003		

Answer Form for SPICE UPDATE No 51

Please send your answer to email spice@spice-group.de

The SPICE Event 2004

My proposal for "the" SPICE event 2004 is:

Call for Creative Proposals for the *BALTIC DYNAMICS 2004*

At the BALTIC DYNAMICS 2004 scheduled for September in Riga, Latvia, we are planning to organize a special SPICE Workshop. Your suggestions for actual topics are welcome:

SPICE Homepage

This is a **never ending request**: Please check www.spice-group.net/members and inform us if you want your email and homepage links activated.

Yes, I want my email and homepage links on the SPICE Group Homepage to be active. These links should lead to
(a) for email:
(b) for homepage:

For the "To Do" List:

Check the profile of your association and / or business incubator / technology park in SPICA Directory Online: www.spica-directory.net Many organizations have updated their information and new countries have been added. Your profile should not be out-dated !

Please, send my **password** for SPICA Directory Online and the "PUMBAA pages"

«city», Date

Signature «Vorname» «Name»