



Balkan Pedigree

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Don't miss the SCTE's 2011 Balkan Broadband conference and exhibition on 14 April 2011 in Skopje, FR of Macedonia.



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Jos Huizer, born in 1957 in The Netherlands, lives in The Netherlands as well as Prishtine.

Jos worked for more than 20 years as a senior marketing professional in the European broadband market, while expanding his former company 'Tratec' into Europe through acquisitions and by setting up subsidiaries in Eastern and Western Europe.

He speaks Dutch, German, French and English and is currently learning Albanian.

Jos's company HMConsult LLC is coordinating the SCTE's Balkan Conference and Exhibition in 2011. Branded HMC-Euroskills, HMConsult LLC offers professional SCTE-certified training in the Balkans. SCTE training courses have gained wide acceptance as the standard for young technicians wishing to enter the field of cable telecommunications and for those wishing to advance their knowledge and career prospects.

The organization for the third edition of the SCTE Balkan Conference and Exhibition 2011 is in full swing and a large number of organizations have already shown interest and registered to become sponsors.

The event, which also features SCTE's Challenge Awards, will take place in the Holiday Inn hotel in Skopje, capital city of the Federal Republic of Macedonia, on 14 April 2011. A few changes have been introduced to further improve the exposure of sponsors and presentations. The routing on the exhibition floor has been improved, to facilitate the growing number of exhibitors, and space has now been allocated for floor presentations with the use of wireless headphones and multi-media equipment.

The spotlight at the 2011 event is on 3DTV developments with live demonstrations on the exhibition floor, coverage of 3DTV developments during the conference and live floor presentations. The EU-backed organization Muscade has confirmed its cooperation with live demonstrations of various 3DTV technologies.

See the event website www.scte-event.eu for more details.

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History of success

SCTE's second Balkan conference and exhibition was held in Skopje, capital of the FR of Macedonia, on 8 April 2010. With more than twice as many visitors compared to the first event in Prishtine (March 2009), the SCTE Balkan Conference and Exhibition (promoted by HM Consult LLC) is gaining importance as the venue to meet the main Balkan broadband players. Three hundred registered visitors attended the event from 26 countries.

The event featured a morning conference followed by break-out training sessions and an exhibition. It finished with the presentation of the SCTE Annual Challenge Award 2010 as visitors took part in the day's technical cable challenge at selected exhibitor stands.

MASIT, the Macedonian ICT Chamber of Commerce, supported this important event and was present on the exhibition floor with an impressive large, modern stand. Cabeltel, the Macedonian telecom operator, was another important sponsor of the event. H.E. Ivo Ivanovski, Macedonia's Minister for Information Society, opened the conference.

Around 150 delegates from across Europe and the Balkans witnessed his presentation on the importance of the development of broadband for building the Balkan information society and predicting the arrival of the “net generation” in Macedonia.

During the exhibition, exhibitors such as Technetix, Teleste, PPC, CabelCon, BetaCavi, Technicolor, Maksat and SCTE challenged visitors' technical understanding as they took part in SCTE's Annual Challenge Award. At the end of the day, Dr Roger Blakeway announced IPKO's (Slovenian Telecom) Hoti Kamer as the overall winner of the SCTE Challenge Award 2010 and presented his award.



Sat-Trakt's stand at the SCTE's Balkan Broadband conference and exhibition.



Technicians flocked to take the SCTE Challenge at the event.



Dr Roger Blakeway (right) with IPKO's (Slovenian Telecom) Hoti Kamer, the overall winner of the SCTE Challenge Award 2010.



H. E. Ivo Ivanovski, Macedonia's Minister for Information Society, gave the Keynote Speech.



Jos Huizer and Edita Ibrahim, the HMConsult team.

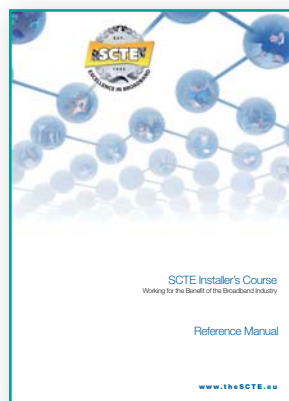


Walter Dumon, Technical Director, CTO Office, Technetix.

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SCTE training

SCTE is a key training partner for cable operators in the Balkans. Its Installer Technician, Service Technician and Network Technician courses, taught by its Balkan training partner HM Consult LLC, are popular in this region. All courses have been newly revised and updated by the SCTE and it has also released individual course books for these three training courses, which can be purchased separately through SCTE or through HM Consult LLC.



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The local SCTE qualified trainer, Ali Agaj, trained the group and helped them achieve amazing exam results with an average score of 85% score and only one re-sit.

For the first time ever in the region, the seven top IPKO engineers who have already been successful with the SCTE Installation Technician and SCTE Service Technician courses, are now participating in the third SCTE course 'SCTE Network Technician'. The first part consisted of 16 hours' classroom tutoring on mathematics with Professor Dr. Nagip Krasniqi, a well-known University professor for Mathematics. The maths exam was held in early January 2011.

The second part of the course is under the management of Mike Thornton who will be in Pristina for a number of days for that purpose. Amongst other things, Mike will train the IPKO engineers in the use and understanding of the spectrum analyzer and amplifier calculations. The second exam is then planned for February 2011.



Professor Dr. Nagip Krasniqi, University Professor for Mathematics



An IPKO student on SCTE training courses in Kosovo



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