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# TELECOMDAY

## ... in Poland

**T**raditionally World Telecommunication Day was solemnly celebrated in Poland. On 17 May this year, special seminars were organized simultaneously in Warsaw, Poznan, Cracow, Lodz and Gdansk under the auspices of the Association of Polish Electrical Engineers and the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications on the premises of the Polish Federation of Engineering Associations. All meeting rooms in the various cities were interconnected by means of a video conference network and the rooms were equipped with large video screens. The meetings started with the video messages of the ITU Secretary-General, Pekka Tarjanne, and of the President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, with simultaneous translation in Polish.

These were followed by welcome addresses by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Poland, Andrzej Zielinski, the Chairman of the Association of Polish Electrical Engineers, Cyprian Brudkowski, the Vice-Chairman of the Polish Olympic Committee, Eugeniusz Pietrasik, and by representatives of the local authorities.

All the speakers drew the attention on the close connections which exist between sports and

telecommunications, without which the dissemination of the results of the various events and the participation of the millions of listeners and viewers worldwide would not be possible.

Awards of merit from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the Association of Polish Electrical Engineers were handed to a number of people having contributed significantly to the development of Polish communications.

The seminars were devoted mainly to the presentation by the Polish Minister of Posts and Telecommunications on the recent achievements in Polish telecommunications which are now based on the most modern digital and fibre-optic technology and are developing rapidly.

The celebrations were completed with a rather unusual event: a number of eminent sports men and women — employees of telecommunication entities from all over Poland — were presented with commemorative cups. At the end of the "Day", a show performed by a trio of artistic gymnastic girls was transmitted over the whole network, a perfect illustration of the theme of the "Day": *Telecommunication and Sport*. — Jerzy Rutkowski, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Poland. ■