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## 17 May 1996 in retrospect

*On World Telecommunication Day, celebrated under the theme "Telecommunication and sport", a number of countries and an organization sent messages to the Secretary-General of the ITU.*

### Algeria

The "Day" offered an opportunity to emphasize the prime importance of communication in serving peoples by bringing cultures closer together. In the address he gave on this occasion, the *Directeur de cabinet* of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications stressed the close ties between telecommunications and sport.

He also identified the following objectives: to consolidate the quality of service, to diversify the supply of services for the benefit of economic operators and households, to promote the telephone in rural areas and to bring new management techniques into general use.

Djamel Belabed, Secretary-General of the *Association nationale des ingénieurs des postes et télécommunications* (ANIPT), presented the programme for the "Day", which began with a showing of the video cassette with a message from the Secretary-General of the ITU. Lectures were then given on telecommunications and the new world environment, the Algerian transmission network, rural telecommunications and the development of telecommunication networks in Algeria. — ANIPT.

### Cambodia

The "Day" was crowned with success. The celebration organized by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia (MPTC) took place concurrently with the country's inauguration of its direct circuits to Viet Nam via an *Intelsat* satellite.

During the celebration, the Secretary of State, Mr So-Khun, spoke of the ITU and its work and also read

the messages from ITU's Secretary-General, Pekka Tarjanne, and from the President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch. Among the 50 attendees were MPTC staff members, representatives from all companies dealing with telecommunications in the country and from the media (newspapers, radio and television). — MPTC.

### Cuba

Articles were published and talks broadcast on the subject, and articles on telecommunications and the Olympic Games received from the ITU were circulated through our in-house channels.

The main event was held on 17 May at our headquarters, where we had an opportunity to mix with famous Cuban sporting figures such as Alberto Juantorena, winner of two Olympic medals, and enjoy the company of well-known sporting commentators and executives from the National Institute of Sport, Physical Education and Recreation. A report on the event was broadcast by Cuban television in its evening news programme. — Minister of Communications.

### India

As reported in two local daily newspapers, *The Hindu* and *News Time* in Hyderabad, the "Day" was observed with a call for determination and dedication to improve services in the telecommunication sector so that the country could be on par with other developed nations.

Delivering the keynote address on the occasion Mr T. H. Chowdary, director of the Centre for Telecommunications Management and Studies, and former



Chairman of *Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited*, said efforts should be made to provide the latest technology even in the remotest part of the country at least in the next decade. Telecommunication should concentrate on providing world class services and not become an instrument to tax the people. He said India should get out of a situation where one dialled a number only to hear "all lines are busy, please try after some time, tomorrow or the day after".

Mr M. V. Bhaskar Rao, Chief General Manager, *Telecom, A.P. Circle*, said telecommunications had become an integral part of life for one and all. However, the service was not yet to the satisfaction of subscribers and much was to be done to realize the advantages and benefits. The Convener, Mr K. Satyanarayana Raju, Social Audit Panel, Government of India, expressed the sentiment that Indian telecommunications had to compete with the private sector and strive to provide the best services with determination and dedication. — *The Hindu/News Time*.

## Madagascar

On the initiative of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, a number of events were organized, highlighting the theme "Telecommunication and sport".

Local telecommunication companies took the opportunity to present their products and activities in a photograph exhibition.

A lecture was given on the subject "General policy and legislation on telecommunication development in Madagascar" and followed by a debate. Mamiharilala Rasolojaona, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, led the debate, which was attended by 100 or so participants including senior government officials, economic operators and experts from the telecommunication sector.

A sports meeting made the celebrations even more of an event. A popular success was the relay race in which some 1000 people took part on a 2.5-km course in the centre of Antananarivo, capital of Madagascar. The local media (television, radio and the written press) helped to make the celebrations a nationwide success. — *Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications*.

## Malaysia

The Director-General of Telekom Malaysia, Tuan Haji Hod Parman, would like to see this nation tread on the global stage of telecommunications. Not surprisingly, as telecommunications must surely be the most global of all industries. As part of the event, a two-day forum was held as a continuing series of "Lessons of experience", providing comprehensive understanding of some of the most notable experiences on the techniques and development strategies employed to meet the challenges of an evolving competitive environment.

Just to refresh people's memories about how significant this business is, there is World Telecommunication Day. "There is Mother's Day, Teacher's Day — why not a Telecommunication Day? We cannot afford to be complacent about our achievements. We are a country that depends on imported technology for the development of telecommunications. [...] We have the means and the infrastructure, but we have not ensured that everyone benefits fairly. Slowly we are heading in the right direction, but we need greater momentum. [...] Telecommunications is not a simple matter", concludes the Director-General. World Telecommunication Day is one occasion on which a little light is shone on the mystery. — *Airwaves 800*.

## Pakistan

Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) marked the event by distributing ITU posters throughout the country and organizing a seminar and football matches. These two events were inaugurated by the Chairman of PTCL, Mian Muhammad Javed. The highest authorities of the country also gave the "Day" some attention.

"I wish to reiterate that Pakistan will continue to advance and expand its telecommunication facilities in every nook and corner of the country, to enable every segment of our population to benefit from the blessings of the new information age", said the President of Pakistan, Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari. "Satellite Communications have promoted localized sports activities so widely that the world of sport has shrunk into a global village", said the Secretary of Commu-



nication, Muhammad Sher Khan. "Telecommunications has proved to be an effective tool to raise the level of awareness, spread education and facilitate business", declared the Chairman of PTCL. — *Pak Telecom*.

## Panama

In our country 17 May was celebrated as World Telecommunication Day with a seminar on the subject of "Telecommunication and sport", sponsored by the *Instituto Nacional de Telecomunicaciones, SA (INTEL)*, which was given wide publicity in the local press.



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In addition, messages from the Secretary-General of the ITU and the President of the International Olympic Committee were published, together with an address by the company's General Manager. — *INTEL*.

## Peru

On behalf of the *Organismo Supervisor de la Inversión Privada en Telecomunicaciones (OSIPTEL)*, I should like to send special greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the celebration of World Telecommunication Day on 17 May, and also of the anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which is 131 years old this year.

At the same time we take this opportunity to renew our commitment, as a regulatory body, to collaborate in the work being done by the ITU and to strengthen our cooperative links for the benefit of telecommunication development. — *OSIPTEL*.

## Suriname

*TELESUR* organized a special meeting and a sports tournament in which several teams, including *TELESUR* staff members, participated.

The Chairman of the National Olympic Committee, Professor Baltus Oostburg, in his keynote address reviewed the history of the Olympic Games and the link with telecommunications.

*TELESUR* reviewed the development of telecommunication in the country, which has contributed to the speedy transmission of sports information nationwide. The expansion and modernization of telephone exchanges, the introduction of fibre optics and cellular technology, access to the Internet and the introduction of videoconferencing all add a new dimension to the transmission of sports events in the country. Also reviewed was the integrated rural telecommunication project being implemented in response to ITU's Buenos Aires Action Plan (BAAP) and the *Missing link* report of the Independent Commission. — *TELESUR*.

## Ukraine

Today the *Ukrainian Telecom*, Ukrainian State Telecommunication Corporation, is a powerful corporation with enormous potential resources involving 33 enterprises and organizations. The basic functions of Ukrainian Telecom are to unite the efforts of all its enterprises, work out flexible strategy and tactics for their activity and look at new ways to satisfy the telecommunication needs of the Ukrainian economy and people. In addition to basic activities Ukrainian Telecom takes part in the social, cultural and sports life of the country. The corporation sponsored the "Pre-Olympic Derugin's Cup" gymnastics competition and organized for additional temporary links for radio and telereporting during the Olympic Games in Atlanta. — *Ukrainian Telecom*.

## IARU

The theme "Telecommunication and sport" had special meaning for radio amateurs. Like sportsmen in the Olympic tradition, radio amateurs develop and use their skills for the sheer pleasure of doing so.



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In recognition of this connection, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorized radio amateurs in Georgia, the host State for the XXVIth Olympiad, to use special call signs commemorating the event.

Radio amateurs express their sporting enthusiasm in several ways. Young people combine electronic training with field sport in amateur radio direction finding competitions sponsored by the International Amateur Radio Union regional organizations and their member societies. On-the-air competitions cause amateurs to strive to improve their skills and their stations, ultimately to the benefit of their communities, their nations, and the world.

In July 1996, more than 100 radio amateurs from 26 countries were to gather in San Francisco to compete in the Second World Radiosport Team Championship during an event sponsored by the IARU. "No matter who wins the competition, every participant will gain new and renewed friendships in precisely the spirit of which you (referring to Pekka Tarjanne) have so eloquently spoken in your World Telecommunication Day address", said the Secretary of IARU, Larry E. Price.

As telecommunications brings us ever closer to the realization of a true world community, radio amateurs are proud of their continuing role as pioneering citizens of that community. — IARU.

## OBITUARY

### Hans S. Andersson

A leading authority in maintenance activities and related organizational issues, Hans S. Andersson (Sweden) passed away last September at the age of 79.



Having started his professional life with *Televerket* (Swedish Telecom) in 1936, his international engagement commenced in 1953 when he joined *LM Ericsson*. As a travelling sales inspector he made friends all over the world. Returning to *Televerket* ten years later, he developed new strategies for maintenance.

Mr Andersson became Vice-Chairman of a CCITT Working Group for international maintenance in 1968 and represented *Televerket* at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences of 1973 and 1977. He also undertook numerous expert missions for the ITU. Mr Andersson

was instrumental in the setting up of *Televerket's* consultancy branch, *Swedtel* and was its managing director from 1975–1980. *Swedtel* became one of the leading telecommunication consulting companies.

After his retirement, Mr Andersson was a main driver behind the international telecommunication management courses given at the telecommunication school in Kalmar. He was personally engaged in these activities until last year.

Ever a man of contrasts, like all men born great, his humility belied his sharp mind, his vision and keen foresight which could cut through decades, clearly seeing in basic ongoing research the final applications that would revolutionize man's lifestyle a score of years later.

Mr Andersson was a man whose heart refused to say no to anyone who needed help and advice, which is why his speciality was to put countries on their feet whose telecommunication infrastructure needed understanding and uncompromising dedication. ■