



Office of Telecommunications and Post Regulation

**Regional Seminar for the EUR and CIS Region
on Network Planning Strategy
for Evolving Network Architectures
WARSAW, POLAND
6-10 October 2003**

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

HOTEL NOVOTEL WARSZAWA CENTRUM

Nowogrodzka 24/26 Str.
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POLAND

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Situated on the junction of two main Warsaw streets Marszalkowska and Jerozolimskie Avenue. It is opposite the Palace of Culture and Science, within easy reach of the principal business, commercial and entertainment areas. Airport 10 km, Railway Station 0.5 km.

The hotel www. pages - www.orbis.pl/hot_for_p.html

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REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration will commence at the venue on Monday 6 October at 8.30 – 9.45 hours

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A certain number of rooms have been booked from 5 to 11 October 2003 at the NOVOTEL Hotel Centrum (***) .

The special rates apply only to the reservation made by using the attached hotel reservation forms.

Please return the hotel reservation form as soon as possible and in **no case later than on 10th of September 2003** to ORBIS TRAVEL LIC, Travel Agency "OCHOTA", Grójecka Str. 56/58, 02-320 Warsaw, Poland, tel : +48(22) 822 77 51, 822 46 55 , fax : +48 (22) 822 04 51, 659 19 67 e-mail: pbochota@warman.com.pl.

After 10th September 2003 we cannot guarantee hotel accommodation at the hotel at the special rate.

If no cancellations are made in advance and the person doesn't arrive – 1 night will be charged for "No shows".

TRANSPORTATION

Warsaw's Airport is situated some 10 kilometers (or 20-30 minutes by car) far from the NOVOTEL Hotel Centrum.

The **bus no. 175** takes you to the city center and directly to the NOVOTEL Hotel Centrum. It is advised to watch the luggage in this bus.

If you wish to take a **taxi** from the Warsaw Airport we recommend the following 3 corporations which you can find there: **MPT (No. 919)**, **Merc (No. 650 21 21)** or **Sawa (644 44 44)**. When travelling by taxi you will be charged according to the meter, usually around EUR 16-20. There is an additional charge at weekends and at nights.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT POLAND

CLIMATE

Poland has a moderate climate although the weather can be quite changeable. October usually is a nice month, with the temperatures between 15° C to 20° C and occasional raining.

GEOGRAPHY

The territory of Poland exceeds 312 thousand square kilometers, making it the largest state in Central Europe. Most of the country is lowland, but along the southern border with the Czech Republic and Slovakia, the beautiful Tatra Mountains rise from the plains. Poland is crossed by two big rivers that empty into the Baltic Sea; the Vistula, in the center of the country, and the Odra, which forms the German border.

CURRENCY

The official Polish currency unit is zloty, abbreviated as PLN. Foreign currencies may be changed into Polish zlotys at banks, private exchange offices (called “kantor” in Polish) or hotels. Major travelers’ cheques can be changed and all major credit cards are widely accepted.

CREDIT CARDS

Most hotels, restaurants, car rental agencies, department stores and shops accept major credit cards (American Express, Visa, Eurocard, Master Card)

TELEPHONES

Direct connections are available to virtually all countries. Telephone cards can be purchased in kiosks and post offices.

SHOPPING AND DINNING

Poles are known for their hospitality and love of food. Polish cuisine includes delicious soups and unusual deserts and sweets. There are plenty of good restaurants in the Old Town center of Warsaw, called Krakowskie Przedmiescie, where one can find many traditional dishes. There are also many restaurants that serve international cuisine.

Poland is becoming a shopper's paradise. The most common souvenir is amber from the Baltic Sea, each individual piece of which may be fashioned into a pendant, ring or bracelet. There are many family-owned galleries, which sell handmade crafts, pottery, silver and gold jewellery. Usually, the best place to shop is the city center. Many souvenir shops are situated in Nowy Swiat Street.

PEOPLE

The population of Poland is close to 40 million. Over 1.8 million people live in Warsaw, the capital city. Polish is the official language; English German and Russian are among the better-known foreign languages. The population is largely of Polish descent and more than 90% of Poles consider themselves Roman Catholics.

TOURIST INFORMATION: <http://www.warsawtour.pl>