ACTIVITIES JUNE 2002 – MARCH 2003

1. 17-20 June 2002
Annual Conference of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration

UNTCT participated at the Annual Conference of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration under the theme:

“Public Administration between globalization and decentralization: Implications for education and training”

The conference was hosted by the Public Administration Institute for Turkey & the Middle East in Istanbul from 17-20 June 2002.

UNTCT Director Mr. T. Tsekos presented a paper at the 3rd working Group (“Public Sector Reform: People in the Public Service”), jointly produced with Mr. V Peristeras and Pr. K. Tarambanis, titled:

“Analyzing e-Government as a paradigm shift”.

2. 3-4 September 2002
General Meeting of the InfoCitizen Consortium

The General Meeting of the InfoCitizen Consortium took place in Aix-En Provence, from 3 to 4 September 2002. The project’s partners were given the opportunity to discuss over their status and set dates for synchronizing their work. UNTC’s Director Mr. T. Tsekos and Mr. V. Peristeras represented UNTC.

3. 4-7 September
Annual Conference of EGPA 2002

The European Group of Public Administration organized from 4 to 7 September in Potsdam its Annual Conference under the theme: “The European Administrative Space: Governance in Diversity”

UNTCT participated in the Study Group: “Information in Public Administration: Space, Place and ICT. Is there an emergent new European geography of public administration?”

UNTCT Director Mr. T. Tsekos presented a paper, jointly produced with Mr. V Peristeras and Pr. K. Tarambanis, titled:

“Realising e-government: Architected/ Centralised versus Interoperable/Decentralised ICT’s and Organizational Development”
4. 8-9 September 2002.
EU-Publi.com Consortium Meeting

After the kick – off Meeting of the Eu-publi.com project’s partners the first Consortium Meeting took place in Rome from 8 to 9 September 2002. The agenda of the meeting included the following:

• Presentation of the status of Active WPs
• Case study
• Timetable & WP2 activation
• Deadlines and meetings

UNTC’s Director, Mr T. Tsekos and IT Consultant, Mr. V. Peristeras attended the meeting.

5. 8-10 November 2002
A UNTC paper presented at the 2nd International Congress of Sociology

UNTC’s director Theodore Tsekos presented a paper titled “Bridging the Gap: E-Governance for Development in Transitional Countries” at the 2nd International Congress of Sociology.

The Congress, under the general theme of “Sociology: A Lesson on Freedom”, was organized by the International Sociological Association, the Greek National Centre for Sociological Research and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Thessaloniki, Greece from 8 to 10 November 2002.

UNTC’s paper was presented at a workshop on Reconciliation between Economy and Society on Saturday 9 November. The other members of the panel where Sergio Arzeni, head of the OECD Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED), Nikita Pokrovsky Professor at the State University, Higher School of Economics (Moscow) - Dept. of General Sociology and Dmitry Pozhidaev , United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

6. 29-30 November 2002
UNTC Director and ICT consultant, invited speakers at the FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on “EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE IN E-GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT”

Theodore Tsekos, UNTC, Director presented a paper on “Implementing e-Government: A Strategy for Transitional Countries” and Vassilis Peristeras, UNTC ICT consultant, a paper on “Gaining Experience from European e-Government Projects: The Cases of the InfoCitizen and EU-Public.com” at the FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE IN E-GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT” that took place at the Boyana Residence in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 29 to 30 November, 2002
The conference was under the aegis of the Bulgarian Minister of Public Administration Mr. Dimitar Kalchev and it was organized by Institute of Public Administration and European Integration (IPAEI) and the Bulgarian Association of Information Technologies (BAIT)
7. 10-13 February 2003
A training program for the staff of the Albanian Training Institute of Public Administration (TIPA).

The United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism (UNTC) organised a training program for the staff of the Albanian Training Institute of Public Administration (TIPA).

The seminar was held in Thessaloniki, at the hotel "Olympia" from Monday 10 to Thursday 13 of February and focused on the topics of planning and evaluation for human resources development in Public Administration.

The following experts contributed to the program:

- Demetrios Argyriades Professor of University of New York,
- Theodore Tsekos, UNTC Director
- Vassilios Peristeras expert on Administrative Information Systems and
- T. Kourtoumi professor with the Faculty of Librarianship of the Thessaloniki Institute of Higher Technical Education.

8. 27-28 March 2003
InfoCitizen’s Consortium Meeting

The final Meeting of the InfoCitizen’s project Consortium took place in Rome on 27-28 March 2003. The project partners made a short presentation of the status of their work and determined the deadlines for submitting their final presentations. UNTC was represented by Ms. P. Tsakoumi, who presented the status of the Exploitation and Dissemination Work Package.