

## A Meeting of Friends

The closing session of EPE 2001 was really an opening. It was a view on the future. The future of our conference activities with the presentation of our next two conferences, the future of a peaceful and unified Europe, a dream for many of us.

EPE-PEMC that will take place from 9 to 12 September 2002 in Cavtat and Dubrovnik, Croatia. Prof. Drago Ban presented the event showing the magnificent site Croatia will offer to the event, the comfortable venue and the wonderful sights to see. Deadline for the submission of the sinopses is 20 November 2001. See p. 50 for general information and also <http://www.fer.hr/epe-pemc2002>.

Prof. Bernard de Fornel presented our next EPE venue: EPE 2003 will take place in Toulouse. We were interested by the wonderful movie "Toulouse": glimpses of an attractive city. Dates are already decided on: the first week of September 2003. The topic list will be slightly rearranged by the International Steering Committee to fit the latest developments of our field. Deadline for the call for proposals will be fall 2002. Mark your agenda already! Two years time is no time anymore!

Now EPE 2001 is over. It has been hard work for everybody, the secretariat, the local organisers, but also the authors. From the feedback I receive from the session chairs, the quality of the presentation is increasing. This is a great accomplishment, but the effort has to be continued. The effort of the authors is useless if the presentation material does not allow the audience to catch up quickly with the presented material to start a discussion. After the conference, there comes the time to study the proceedings, look for trends and new ideas in ones specific research topic. There will be more to say in the coming issues of EPE Journal. In the meantime, I wish you good work!



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