

Successful HEAVEN Workshop in Paris



Heaven consortium in Paris

■ HEAVEN's Technical Workshop "Urban Transport, Air Quality & Noise – The Solution from HEAVEN", Paris, December 2002 was a great success. 106 people from 11 European countries participated in this truly European forum that informed about the status of HEAVEN's work, particularly the prototypes, and facilitated the exchange of information with interested parties.

To position HEAVEN within the EU research activities Wolfgang Boch from the European Commission Directorate General (DG) Information Society introduced the Environmental Management Systems in the Information Society Technology Programme and its links to EU regulations and policies. More specifically, the EU programme 'Clean Air for Europe' (CAFE) and HEAVEN's support for its implementation was described by Martin Lutz, City of Berlin on behalf of Peter Wicks, DG Environment. Marco Martuzzi from the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health widened the perspective with information on the use of air quality data for health impact studies. The morning session was closed with an overview of the HEAVEN project by Maurizio Tomassini, project co-ordinator and the HEAVEN products currently under development by Carlo Di Taranto from MIZAR.

Following the introduction, the key HEAVEN topics were

presented in a series of six presentations each given by a representative from the HEAVEN cities. The following transport and environment related topics were covered: Traffic and Air Quality in Real-time (example of Paris), Noise (example of Leicester), Traffic and Emission Modelling (example of Rome), Decision support for Urban Regional Planning (example of Prague), Urban and Regional Integration (example of Rotterdam) and TDMS Scenario Evaluation (example of Berlin).

The afternoon was dedicated to two parallel sessions, designed to facilitate a discussion with the workshop participants and continue the interaction with HEAVEN DSS end-users. The session "User Needs and Benefits" focused on the applicability and usefulness of the HEAVEN System and its benefits for decision makers in European Cities. During the lively discussion with representatives from urban authorities and delegates from research organisations it was evident that the HEAVEN system does meet the needs of the end-users and has the potential for application beyond the HEAVEN project.

The session "Technical Solutions" addressed the technical and informatic aspects of the HEAVEN and was targeted at developers and system operators. The HEAVEN design process comprising system architecture definition, system design and system implementation was presented and interactively discussed with the participants. The feedback from the audience indicated that potential users and system developers are very interested in future collaborations.

The HEAVEN technical workshop offered the first demonstration of the HEAVEN DSS prototypes. In an exhibition area each of the six HEAVEN cities presented their local implementation and discussed it with the visitors.

The agenda and all presentations
are available on the website:

<http://heaven.rec.org/FTPParisWorkshop.html>