## Words of Welcome from the Conference Chairman

## **Dear colleagues!**

I would like to welcome all the participants to the International Conference "Information Networks, Systems and Technologies" - ICINASTe'01, which is held for the seventh time. Now this conference takes place in the capital of the Republic of Belarus - in Minsk.

Republic of Belarus is a unique country with its economy, nature, people and history. And Minsk is the most beautiful city of the Belarus. Our capital is the modern scientific centre. There are about 20 universities, numerous scientific centres and the Academy of Science.

Belarus State Economic University is the leader University in Belarus. There are 15,000 students from



Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa study at the University. The University maintains academic links with institutions of higher learning from USA, Great Britain, Austria, Germany, Poland, China, Spain and other countries. We use in our work and teach our students the latest achievements of science. We realized, that solution of many economic tasks is very close connected to the usage of information technologies. "Information Technologies" is the basic course in our University and it is studied by all of our students. It is explained by the fact that information technologies play a key role now in most of the scientific processes. It is practically impossible to teach students now without using information technologies in one or other form.

This Conference became a traditional and well-known one. We gathered here to discuss one of the main problems of the information technologies - the usage of the modern achievements of informatics in different scientific areas. Information systems, in particularly information networks and technologies are very important base of the Information society.

The Programme Committee hope that the papers, included in the programme of the Conference will be interesting and useful for participants of the Conference. I'm grateful for the interest manifested to our Conference ICINASTe'01, for the efforts done by You for the benefit of our mutual work and I would like to express my hope on the restoration of the previous and installation of the new ways of co-operation. I am sure that the mind exchange will be fruitful and useful for our universities. We hope that the international co-operation will turn to be traditional and will be developed successfully.

Welcome to ICINASTe'01. I am sure that you will enjoy your stay in Minsk.

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