

## Words of Welcome from the Conference Chairman

Dear Colleagues!

I have the pleasure to invite you to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> *Information Networks, Systems and Technologies* the one of the leading information technologies meeting in Russian and Belarus. The theme of the conference reflects the vital role of information not only in telecommunication, electrical engineering and information technology but also in many evolving areas of basic and applied research.

Over 200 papers from 15 countries in all continents were submitted. More than 150 papers were selected on the basis of a review performed by the International Scientific Committee. The approved papers are organized into 16 sessions. In the plenary session, distinguished plenary speakers give a review of the future perspectives in their research areas: telecommunication, information technologies and soft computing.

A specialist workshop called *Information Networks, Systems and Technologies in Economic and Education* will be held on Tuesday-Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>th</sup> October. On these days, there will also be several tutorial short courses and lectures offered free of charge to the participants.

As previously, ICINASTe'01 is organized under the patronage of the A.Popov's Scientific-Engineering Society and International Informatization Academy. The local organizer in Belarus is Belarus State Economic University – one of the leader in University in Belarus which trains specialists in the areas of economy and accounting, management and finance, statistics, commerce and economic cybernetics for all industries and all types of enterprises and organisations of national economy.

The conference venue is the main building of Belarus State Economic University. It is located in the city of Minsk. Minsk is the major centre of industry, trade, culture and science of the Republic of Belarus. Minsk is a modern city where nature is close wherever you are.

I am sure that the Conference *Information Networks, Systems and Technologies* will have a success and wish you an interesting and pleasant work.

**Professor Vladimir G. Lazarev**  
**CoChairman of the Conference**  
**The President of the branch on Information Networks and Systems**  
**of International Informatization Academy**

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