

**Conference "Youth into the Digital Age"
in addition to Global Junior Challenge & Global
Junior Challenge Exhibition
Rome, Italy, December 4-6, 2000**

An international conference will be held on the 4-5th of December in Rome on the theme "Youth into the Digital Age". The aim of the conference is to explore in depth the issues raised by the Global Junior Challenge. The thoughts behind the Global Junior Challenge are to ensure full participation of young people in the emerging Information society, to help them conceive and carry out projects, and to formulate and reach objectives adapted to a rapidly developing environment.

Global Junior Challenge is a world-wide competition launched by the City of Rome in partnership with Telecities (a telematic network). Awards are given to the best projects using new technologies for

educational and training purposes. The competition, which is now closed, was open to associations, public and private sector institutions, co-operatives, schools, universities and businesses, as well as individuals of all ages and nationalities around the world. One of the purposes of the competition is to promote the use of new technologies amongst young people. Another is to encourage research and development in the fields of telematics to provide greater opportunities for young people in communicating and learning.

The 50 most innovative projects will be shown at the Global Junior Challenge Exhibition. The finalists will receive their prizes at an official ceremony on December 4. There will also be other events relating to the Global Junior Challenge, such as seminars and workshops for teachers and students.

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