

# World Congress News

The 4th TETRA World Congress



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## Last chance to see the Exhibition area and Applications Village today



Make sure you haven't missed any of the companies exhibiting at this year's biggest ever Exhibition area and in the Applications Village. Representatives from nearly forty different companies are exhibiting the largest ever display of TETRA products and services here at the World Congress in Nice. On display are the newest TETRA terminals and infrastructure from the world's leading TETRA manufacturers. Live demonstrations of TETRA applications are in the

Applications Village and the Exhibition area. Solutions in action and companies to help find solutions are all there. This year we also have a number of vehicle and transport related static exhibits – have you driven the train?

The exhibition will close at the end of the lunch break on Thursday. Don't leave it too late to view everything. You will never have a better opportunity than here at the Acropolis. Make sure you make the most of it.

## Testing, testing, testing...

How do you know a TETRA radio is communicating using the correct TETRA protocols? Simple, use the new TETRA Radio Test Set from IFR, their IFR 2968, on display here in Nice for the first time. IFR's clear commitment to TETRA has established the company as the principal supplier of TETRA wireless test equipment. Delegates will be able to see the preview of Version 3.2 of its industry standard Test Set as well as demonstrations the 2310 TETRA Analyser and its TETRALOG Proto-col Analyser application. According to IFR, their 2968 TETRA Radio Test Set Version 3.2 contains new and enhanced features which will further strengthen its position as the de-facto industry standard

TETRA test tool for both Base Station and Mobile Station installation and maintenance.

Enhanced automatic testing functions will simplify and speed up terminal testing during routine maintenance and repair operations normally undertaken by the emergency services and managed terminal suppliers. These functions include automatic receiver bit error rate testing using 'TT' RF loopback, automatic TETRA equipment identification including power and receiver classes and flexible functional test selection allowing up to six different types of call set-ups and clear-downs to be specified in a built in test program.

**Test it for yourself on their stand in the Exhibition area.**

## Award winners

The TETRA Awards for 2001 were presented last night at the Gala Dinner at 'La Siesta'. With a record number of nominations, choice for the delegates and the expert panel was difficult. However, as in any competition, there must be a winner - and the choices have been made. The awards, presented by Sir Ranulph Fiennes, crowned a fabulous evening for all the delegates and will be a lasting memory for the winners. The best New TETRA product was won by Simoco with their SRP2000 2nd generation portable radio. The SRP2000 is the smallest and lightest rugged second generation portable available. The whole Simoco team was delighted with their award. As we went to press, the innovative TETRA Service



Above: Winner of Best New TETRA Product, the SRP2000 from Simoco



Above: The Niros stand won approval with the knowledge and attitude of its staff

award and the Most Innovative Applications Development awards were subject to recounts as the last minute votes were too close to call.

Two other awards were made during the evening. The panel judged Niros' stand as the best in terms of look and greeting from its stand staff. The final accolade of the evening was for John Merrifield, the popular winner of this year's Outstanding Contribution to TETRA award. The award was given to John for his unstinting energy, drive and achievements as Chairman of the TETRA Business Solution Group. Under John's leadership the group has pushed forward the whole area of applications and has transformed this arena for TETRA and TETRA users alike.



Above: John Merrifield, the popular winner of the Outstanding Contribution to TETRA award



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