DISTINGUISHED LECTURE TOUR REPORT
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SOUTH AFRICA
Cape Town, South Africa, Thursday, May 5th and Friday, May 6

On invitation of the South African Chapter in Cape Town I gave three lectures on the topic of the Future of Telecommunications, what technological evolution can be expected over the next ten years and what can be the economical implications on the various actors.

The first lecture was given as a keynote speech at the ICT 2005 and saw an attendance of about 200 people, the second one was given at the Cape Town University in a joint meeting of the South African Chapter and the SAIEE, South African Institute of Electrical/Electronic Engineers with an attendance of about 30 people, most of them retired engineers.

The third lecture was given at the Cape Town University to a classroom of university students, roughly 50 in attendance. This latter lecture included a discussion on ways to understand relationships among technologies and between them and the market.

The local organization worked very well and my warmest thanks go to Rob Neilson and Nico Beute for their kindness and support.

NORTH ITALY (NORTH/SOUTH/CENTRAL)
Roma, Italy, Thursday, May 12th

The lecture for the Italian Chapter took place in Italy at the Universita’ Tor Vergata in Rome on May 12, organized by Francesco Vatalaro. We had over 100 people from industry, academia and students. The lecture was followed by a round table with key figure in the Italian Telecommunications.

SPAIN
Madrid, Spain, Wednesday, June 15th

The lecture in Spain took place at the University Carlos III in Madrid, organized by Anibal Figueiras. It was well attended by students and some professors. Both events have been very well organized also in terms of posters so I think the ComSoc had a good coverage. On my side I tried to do my best and I feel the talks were well received.