CALL FOR PAPERS

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International Business Linux
and Open Source Conference

Portorož, Hoteli Morje
29 and 30 September 2005

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Training Center GV Izobraževanje and company ISG d.o.o. are organising The International Business Linux and Open Source Conference as a sequel to the three previous Business Linux Conferences (2002 - 2004). This years conference will host many speakers and participants from abroad, there the majority of the presentations will be held in English language.

The conference is aimed at professionals working on business implementation of Open Source, service providers and all of you who want to include open source to your information systems or into your business model.

Time and place
Conference will take place on 29 and 30 September 2004 in Hoteli Morje in Portorož, Slovenia.

Contents
At the plenary sessions the most visible experts, working on the most successful open source projects for business usage with commercial background will be present. Furthermore, there will be leading representatives of the companies dealing with the mentioned topics and presentations of successful implementations of open source solutions into existing information environments.

You are kindly invited to prepare and submit a paper and this way actively contribute to the wider usage of operating system GNU/Linux and open source in the business world. Topics of interest include the following:

General topics
• **Management of Open Source projects with commercial support**
• **Successful practices in usage of open source software in companies (server or client part/desktop)**
• **Why or why not choose to develop software as open source**
• **Migrating to Linux environment without changing the supplier of application servers or databases**
• **How to mix Open Source and comercial systems or software**
• **Pros and cons of using the Open Source in business environments (TCO, security)**
• **Desktop publishing, graphic design and video systems as open source solutions**
• **Preparing documentation for open source products**
• **Where can Linux and open source be profitable for hardware dealers**

Technical subjects
Technical subjects should be related to GNU/Linux or Open Source software.
• **Development of web services with open source tools (PHP, ZOPE, etc..)**
• **Databases and data warehouses**
• **File servers, network disk storages**
• **Development of business applications by using XUL, XML technology.**
• **Technologies for easing the migration from other environments to GNU/Linux**
• **Security systems – Intrusion detection systems, automatic update systems, anti-virus protection**
• **Usage of integrated development environments for development of desktop business applications**
• **High availability**
• **Building VoiceOverIP systems with use of Open Source software**
• **Distributed file systems**
• **Content management systems**

The conference is aimed at those who work in economy sector above all, therefore submissions

should be practically oriented and applicable and should reflect knowledge and ongoing activities in the companies as well as examples of concrete usage of presented technologies. Only the real and existing projects will direct others to the wider usage of your and similar solutions.

Conference mission
- **Exchanging experiences among technical experts, commercialist and managers of ITC companies**
- **Technical training following the good practices of others**
- **Demolishing the myth of open source business models**
- **Encouraging the use and development of open source**
- **Raising the level of professional knowledge in the relevant areas**

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS
We welcome developers, companies or organisations, who would like to practically introduce (1-3h):
- **desktop applications**
- **using developmental environments for desktop, web or embedded systems**
- **own products which must be related to GNU/Linux or open source**

Instructions to the authors of papers
Summaries of suggested papers should be sent in electronic form until 1 May 2005 to the following address *callforpapers@linux-konferenca.org* or by mail to GV Izobraževanje, Einspielerjeva ulica 6, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia with a note: for IBLOC
Papers should be adjusted in a way that they would fit into one of the suggested thematic units, which you should specify as well. If summary shows that your contribution is interesting, the programme committee will place it into the plenary section of the conference or assign a longer time period for its presentation. Members of the programme committee will make a pre-selection of papers. You will be notified about the final placement of your paper until 20 May.

Technical guidelines for summary submissions
Summaries should not exceed 15 lines and should include:
- **full title of the paper**
- **author's full name and title**
- **author's e-mail**
- **content**

Authors are invited to emclose their references and send them together with summaries and send them to above mentioned address until 1 May 2005.

Selected speakers have the right to attend the conference free of charge.

Key dates
01**. 05. 2005**   **Deadline for submission of summaries**
20. 05. 2005   **Pre-selection of papers on the basis of received summaries and a draft of the programme**
01. 07. 2005   **Deadline for submissions of complete papers**
01 .08. 2005   **Final conference programme**
01. 09. 2005   **Notification of participants about the final programme**
29. 09. 2005   **Conference begins**
30. 09. 2005   **Conference ends**

Kindly invited!

Conference Programme Committee