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IT STAR, the regional ICT Association of Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, organized its Workshop on ICT in R&D and business meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia on 11 and 12 November. The conference, attended by representatives of the EC and national governmental institutions, presidents of computer societies, leading scientists and experts, agreed on key recommendations which are embedded in the workshop declaration at [www.starbus.org/r\\_d\\_ws1/declaration.pdf](http://www.starbus.org/r_d_ws1/declaration.pdf). A second workshop on Higher Education and the IT industry will be held in Rome, during the second half of May 2007.

- \* Giulio Occhini (AICA CEO, Italy) is the next Coordinator,
- \* Niko Schlamberger (SSI President and CEPIS President Elect) continues as past coordinator,
- \* Plamen Nedkov (IT STAR Adviser) is the Chief Executive.

The Association's Charter will be updated to ensure high-performance governance and strategic development. As one representative put it, "We must be the leaders on our turf!"

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