

New Internet Site for SIMPACK

In May 2002 INTEC GmbH re-launched the SIMPACK Website. The website, which is divided into the five sections News, Company, Consulting, Service/Support and Software, offers information to SIMPACK users and potential users. Articles from previous issues of 'SIMPACK News' can be downloaded from the 'News' section of the website.

Presentations from previous user



meetings and forthcoming events are also available for download from the 'News' section. The 'Company' section offers a wealth of information on INTEC itself, including our philosophy, contact information and hotels in the vicinity. The Service/Support section covers the upcoming events, downloadable models and texts covering different "how-to-model" tasks in SIMPACK. The section 'Software' provides comprehensive information on the SIMPACK software focussing on the SIMPACK modules and interfaces as well as providing downloadable videos. We hope you will enjoy viewing our website and gain some valuable material from the 150 pages of information that is on the website.

ERRI Interactive Conference „Mechatronics for Trains“

This conference, hosted by the UIC headquarter in Paris, was concerned with new mechatronic technologies in railway vehicles. The focus was to unite mechanical, electronic and computer technology to enhance product design, system development and operational performance.

The contributors and the attendees of the conference came from all branches within railway engineering; railway operators, researchers, suppliers, certification authorities and software companies.

The topic for the workshops involved state of the art advanced vehicle configurations using active control technology. The impact of this technology on the reduction of noise and wear, energy consumption and LCC/maintenance was discussed. RAMS also played a major role in the proceedings of the conference.

INTEC who has been a partner in the EU Project "Mechatronic Train" presented SIMPACK's role in the scope of the project at the conference's exhibition site.



Innotrans

At the end of September 2002 the fourth InnoTrans, the world's biggest trade fair for railway



industry and operators, took place in Berlin. It was divided into a professionals' fair and an open-air exhibition of the newest railway vehicles, which was also accessible to the public. More than one-third of the about 900 exhibitors were from outside Germany. INTEC joined this fair for the second time, represented by Johannes Gerl and Dr. Christoph Weidemann.

New Operating System Support for SIMPACK

SIMPACK is now supported on three new operating system platforms.

With SIMPACK Version 8.5, Maintenance Release 06, available since March 2002, SIMPACK supports the Windows 2000 operating system. This release also offers continued support for Windows NT. However the support for Windows NT will be phased out by July 2003.

SIMPACK Version 8.5, Maintenance Release 12, which has been available since August 2002, supports the IBM AIX 4.3 platform. Starting with SIMPACK Version 8.5, Maintenance Release 14, available since August 2002, SIMPACK now supports the SUN Sparc SOLARIS 8 platform.