

Invitation Conference Budapest 2004

This conference is both a celebration of the three-year series of workshops funded by the European Science Foundation (2000-2003) and a major stepping stone to the next stage of Tensions of Europe: a challenging international, collaborative research program.

As such, TOE-Budapest 2004 has the character of a workshop, in which all participants will be actively engaged. Your contribution will be published on a CD that each participant will receive in early March and be able to print at home. We expect each participant to have read the contributions of the sessions he or she will be attending, so that the contributors can present only highlights for substantive discussion.

We are excited about the diversity of our *preliminary program* (rtf-file), which you can download from this website. We have countries from all parts of Europe represented as well as extensive variety in the types of sessions and the kinds of issues to be discussed. For example, we have "Theme Sessions," in which you can become acquainted with the work that has been underway over the past three years; "Research Sessions," which will stimulate our discussion by a rich offering of research findings in many areas touching upon the relationship of technology and society in Europe; and "Dialogue Sessions," which are meant to provoke discussion around conceptual issues that will influence the future directions of research within Tensions of Europe.

We also have plenty of room for informal conversation and networking. And, as a bonus, we have two outstanding guest speakers and will have an opportunity to experience some highlights of our host city as well.

We are very much looking forward to your formal and informal contributions to this conference and trust that it will be intellectually and personally rewarding for you as well.

More *practical information* on the conference can be found at this website also.

If you are planning to come, please confirm this by emailing us (mailto: toe@tm.tue.nl) right away! Please begin your email confirmation subject line with YOUR LAST (FAMILY) NAME, e.g. "FREEZE - Budapest 2004". Because we have limited space at our venue (a maximum of 150 participants), we urge you to confirm your intention to attend as soon as possible. When we fill up, we will maintain a waiting list.