

# GraphiTech - A new member of the INI-GraphicsNet Foundation in Italy

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The INI-GraphicsNet Foundation, the Cultural Institute of Trento and the University of Trento incorporated the GraphiTech Center for Advanced Computer Graphics Technologies, a joint venture located in Trento, Italy, as a foundation.

Dr. Stefan Noll and Dr. Raffaele De Amicis, representing the INI-GraphicsNet Foundation, together with Massimo Egidi, rector of the University of Trento, and Diego Schelfi, vice president of the Cultural Institute of Trento, signed the research and co-operation agreement on July 2, 2002.

Furthermore, Prof. Fausto Giunchiglia, vice rector of the University of Trento, has been nominated as president of the board of directors of GraphiTech, while Prof. Dr. José L. Encarnação, chairman of the board of directors of the INI-GraphicsNet Foundation, has been nominated as vice president.

The aim of the joint venture is to enhance the competitiveness of Trentino's industries through the development and application of advanced computer graphics. The focus will be on advanced graphic information processing and visual communication, including virtual reality. GraphiTech will stimulate information technology collaboration and friendship between the Trentino region, Italy and Germany and perform world-class research and development in advanced computer graphics technologies and services. The joint venture will benefit from the ideal combination of competencies and resources of the three partners, which complement one another, and will ensure an optimum of synergistic effects. The University of Trento is



Signing the agreement. From left to right: Stefan Noll and Raffaele De Amicis representatives of the of the INI-GraphicsNet Foundation, Massimo Egidi, rector of the University of Trento; Diego Schelfi, vice-president of the Cultural Institute of Trento

an internationally renowned research facility, the Istituto Trentino di Cultura is very successful in the area of technology transfer, and INI-GraphicsNet, with its globally acting research institutions, offers extensive expert knowledge. The joint venture will act as a 'technology broker' between Trento and the Italian economy, the University of Trento, the Centre for Scientific and Technological Research of the Cultural Institute of Trento and the INI-GraphicsNet, a major worldwide research alliance in the field of computer graphics.

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## German Abstract

Die INI-GraphicsNet Stiftung, das Instituto Trentino di Cultura und die Universität Trento (Università degli Studi di Trento) haben sich am 2. Juli 2002 zum Joint-Venture GraphiTech zusammengeschlossen. Die Stiftung ist als Zentrum für moderne Technologien der grafischen Datenverarbeitung in Trento (Italien) ansässig: GraphiTech wird die Zusammenarbeit und Partnerschaft im Bereich Informationstechnologien zwischen der italienischen Region Trento und Deutschland vorantreiben und im Bereich F&E der Technologien und Serviceleistungen grafischer Datenverarbeitung Weltklasse-Leistungen erbringen. Es sind bereits enge Beziehungen zwischen den Einrichtungen geknüpft worden. Mitglieder des INI-GraphicsNet wie das Fraunhofer-Institut für Graphische Datenverarbeitung arbeiten bereits seit mehr als zehn Jahren in Forschungsprojekten mit der Universität Trento zusammen. Der Schwerpunkt der GraphiTech-Arbeit liegt im Bereich moderne grafische Informationsverarbeitung und visuelle Kommunikation, einschließlich VR-Technologie.