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VOIP and other information technologies are accelerating industry convergence, and competition is intensifying among traditional telecommunications services providers, television, Internet, mobile, fixed, terrestrial and wireless firms. Mergers and acquisitions, vertical and horizontal integration, and new competitive strategies are increasingly used by major stakeholders to consolidate their positions.

Telecommunications service providers are using new pricing and bundling strategies and are increasingly demanding a hands-off approach to regulation. Regulators have difficulty reconciling the new industry realities with traditional ways of regulating.

The purpose of this Conference is to bring together academics, industry analysts, policy makers, consultants and other major stakeholders to present and discuss the most recent research findings.

The 17th ITS Biennial Conference will provide industry decision-makers, academic experts and government policy-makers an opportunity to explore and debate contemporary issues that are facing domestic and international telecommunications industry participants.

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The Conference Program Committee would like to invite you to submit abstracts on any topic related to the conference theme. Suggested topics include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- Evolving Market Structure
- Competition, Regulation and Next Generation Networks
- Growth Strategies and Financial Performance
- Changing Demands for ICT Services
- Measuring Regulatory Efficacy and Effectiveness: Benchmarks, Models and Transferability
- ICT, Productivity and Demand Forecasting
- Changing Ownership Patterns and Forms: Privatization, Foreign ownership and Private Equity Ownership of Communications Entities
- Regulation, the Internet and Network Neutrality
- Universal Access: Definitions, Delivery and Alternatives
- Broadband Development
- Regulation and Competition Policy: Rivalry or Complementarity
- Telecommunications and Development
- International Trade Law and Telecommunications
- Impact on Labour of Changing Technologies
- Impact of Changing Technologies on Intellectual Property Rights
- E-Government
- Revision of the EU Telecom Framework and its Performance across Europe

- Service Convergence: Industry and Regulatory Implications
- Economics of Security and Data Protection
- Evolution of Wireless Services: Technology, Markets, Regulation
- Spectrum Management: Tools and Technology Impact

The Program Committee wants to emphasize that these topics are simply suggestions. All worthwhile topics will be considered. All proposals **MUST** be submitted online at:
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Abstracts MUST be in English and may not exceed 500 words. Abstracts MUST be received by midnight Eastern Time on October 31, 2007 for consideration. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by February 1, 2008. Please direct inquiries to: ITS2008@canavents.com or 1-905-436-0375 (Canada).

The ITS Conference will be held at the Hilton Montréal Bonaventure, one of the best-equipped single-level convention complexes in the nation. The Hilton is a unique penthouse oasis located in the heart of the city nestled amidst 2½ acres of landscaped gardens alive with playful ducks and winding brooks.

The ITS will offer a unique Social Program for all of its attendees that will allow guests to sample the wonders of Montreal and its beauty!

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| October 31 | Abstracts due |
| February 1 | Authors notified of paper acceptance |
| May 1 | Papers due (Paper presenters must register) |
| May 15 | Last day for early registration |
| May 25 | Last day to book hotel at guaranteed rate |
| June 24-27 | Conference |

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