Information society

The Centre does not limit its activities to the scientific area – it also contributes to the development of the information society.

The Web server at ACC CYFRONET AGH serves as an Internet hub for the entire Cracow scientific community. CYFRONET continues to develop and extend its Web portal, which has gained substantial popularity over the years – some 2,000,000 visits are registered each month from all around the world.

There is also significant commercial interest in the service, by companies who wish to present and advertise themselves on the Web.

Of particular note is the cooperation between CYFRONET and Cracow authorities. A fiber-optic backbone network and telecommunications facilities, operated by CYFRONET, form the basis of the 'Ratusz' Integrated System, currently being extended and exploited by the City Hall. In 1996 an agreement was signed by the Municipality of Cracow and ACC CYFRONET AGH, regarding the promotion of the city on the Internet; it has resulted in the creation of an up-to-date portal, which aside of scientific information, introduces its readers to the culture, historic sites, tourism, local transit and many other aspects of life in Cracow.

In November 2002, November 2006 and January 2011 ACC CYFRONET AGH provided computer facilities in support of local elections in the Cracow region.

In collaboration with the City Hall, the Centre has been developing – since July 2003 – the Internet Bulletin for Public Information in the Cracow Region. In 2005 this collaboration was extended in order to provide content services for district authorities, libraries, schools, etc.

In 2007, The Magical Cracow web portal – www.krakow.pl, developed by the Cracow City Hall and ACC CYFRONET AGH, has been nominated for the World Summit Award as the best e-Government service in Poland.

Since the 1st of September 2010 a new version of the official city service has been released as Urban Internet Platform 'The Magical Cracow'.

In January 2012, a mobile version of the portal was awarded at the conference Mobile Trends, Mobile as the best party town in Poland.

Under the auspices of the iTVP project coordinated by Polish TV, CYFRONET was involved in the development of an audiovisual content provision system supporting the concept of Interactive TV at Polish TV's web portal (www.tvp.pl).