

### **Philips veteran named Medea+ chair**

Former CEO of Philips Electronics Arthur van der Poel has been appointed as the chairman of the Medea+ microelectronics research programme, succeeding the late Dr Jean-Pierre Noblanc.

Van der Poel will be responsible for steering the second phase of the Medea+ programme and has made it the aim that R&D investments in microelectronics are converted into commercial products. Most of the 38 projects running today in the first phase of Medea+ will have drawn to a close by the end of 2004, although 14 have been added since the last call made in 2002.

The second phase of the programme is scheduled to run from 2005 to 2008 and will focus on applications in communications, automotive systems and digital consumer applications.

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