

## **MEDEA+ Forum 2003**

The MEDEA+ Forum 2003, held in Berlin last November, brought together officials from Germany and other European countries, MEDEA+ friends, project leaders, CEOs of partner companies and journalists and provided an inside view of the strategies envisaged for its second phase from 2005-2008. The topics discussed were numerous, and include digital convergence from system on a chip to system above a chip as well as future trends in electronics and semiconductors for automotive applications. Special attention was paid to the role of SMEs in cooperative R&D in Europe.

The event also provided the opportunity to announce the new MEDEA+ Chairman, Arthur van der Poel, who vividly encouraged continued cooperation between industry and governments to help secure Europe's burgeoning nanoelectronics industry. Van der Poel was previously CEO of Philips Semiconductors.