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Background

LIT as a local organiser sponsors by providing local facilities such as conference halls and tutorial rooms. "Limerick Institute of Technology is, at 150 years, the oldest of the Institutes of Technology in Ireland. Currently it has nearly 6000 students enrolled on a variety of programmes covering ICT, Biotechnology, Management Science, Built Environment among others. Over the last two years LIT has launched a major drive to promote research both within the Institute and in collaboration with local and national industry and state bodies. Research activity has doubled in each of the last two years and is expected to continue to grow over the next few years. Historically, the Institutes of Technology have underpinned regional industrial and cultural development. LIT has played an important role in establishing the Shannon Region as one of the most innovative and fastest growing regions in Ireland outside of Dublin. The EuroSPI conference represents a vote of confidence in the Institutes of Technology and we are delighted to be part of this international event."

Tecnet (The Technology Network Ireland) supports the promotion of the conference through its research networks and good connections to Enterprise Ireland and the Institutes of Technologies in Ireland. Tecnet provides Irish industry with research, development, and consulting services and technology transfers utilising the skills and facilities within all Institutes of Technology in Ireland.

Shannon Development is sponsoring the social event of the EuroSPI 2001 conference in the castle of Bunratty. They are a focal point if any organisation in this area plans joint ventures, business cooperations, and so forth. Shannon Development is today, Ireland's only dedicated regional development company. The Company's brief is to generate industry, tourism and rural development in the wider Shannon area, known as the Shannon Region. This covers an area of some 10,000 square kilometres spanning counties Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary, South Offaly and North Kerry, which collectively have a population of over 407,000 people. The Company's main areas of activity include;

- Developing and strengthening the indigenous industry sector in the Shannon Region,
- Developing the Shannon Free Zone as a location for international, Tourism marketing and new product development in the Shannon Region,
- Developing the Shannon Estuary as an integrated coastal zone and an international tourism and industrial location,
- Stimulating development at local and regional levels.

EuroSPI conferences present and discuss practical results from improvement projects in industry, focussing on the benefits gained and the criteria for success. Leading European industry are contributing to and participating in this event. This year's event is the 8th of a series of conferences to which countries across Europe and from the rest of the world contributed their lessons learned and shared their knowledge to reach the next higher level of software management professionalism.

INSERC is one of the newest research centres to be established in LIT (Limerick Institute of Technology), Ireland. INSERC2001- workshop in software ergonomics - takes place as a co-located event with EuroSPI