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Prof. Bernd Eissfeller inaugurated Munich Satellite Navigation Summit 2009

Famous international Satnav-Congress closed after successful three days conferencing – Guest speaker *Bradford Parkinson* discussed “Competition among the big four”



Munich – The Munich Satellite Navigation Summit 2009 was held March 3rd-5th 2009 in the “Residence Munich”. About 450 participants from 25 nations joined this extraordinary forum in the field of satellite navigation.

The opening plenary panel was inaugurated by Prof. Bernd Eissfeller, the new Director of the Institute of Geodesy and Navigation of the University FAF Munich. Eissfeller described

the Munich Summit as being not only a technical conference but a forum for discussion of main problems in satellite navigation today as well. The Institute organized the Munich Satellite Navigation Summit for the seventh time.

Martin Zeil, the Bavarian Minister of Economic Affairs, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology was one of the first speaker during the opening session. He pointed out that the Summit grew into a prestigious event during the last years. Furthermore as for the European Activities he expressed thanks to the ESA and the EU for the efforts done in the last months to pave the road that Galileo can finally become a success story.

Further guests in the opening plenary were among others Fotis Karamitsos from the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport European Commission in Brussels and Jean-Jacques Dordain, ESA Director General from France.

A special guest speaker was Bradford Parkinson – the father of GPS - who chaired the last session named “The Competition among the Big Four”. High-ranking officials and representatives of the four global satellite navigation providers discussed and commented the started race in GNSS.

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