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AT&T Bell Laboratories President
Discusses the Evolution of the Intelligent Network

GENEVA -- In his keynote remarks for the Technical Symposium at Telecom '87, Dr. Ian M. Ross, President of AT&T Bell Laboratories, identified three major challenges that face today's world telecommunications industry.

Dr. Ross cited the need for universal deployment of the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), the migration of existing data-only networks toward ISDN, and the development of more sophisticated user systems for intelligent network management.

"Our goal is to allow the peoples of the world to reap the full benefits of the Information Age," Ross said. "It is a goal we will achieve, because we share a common vision -- a vision supported by technological foresight, internationally accepted standards, and systems engineering skills of a high order."

This common vision includes an open architecture, universal ports based on globally uniform access standards, broadband access even at the residence, and network services on demand.

"These will be powerful services that will let anyone move information in any form -- voice, data, image or video -- anytime, anywhere," Ross said.

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