

The **Planet GV** and **ISG** companies are again organising the central annual event aimed at the business IT public – the **IBLOC, International Business Linux and Open Source Conference**, which will be held on **27 and 28 September at the congress centre of the Hotel Slovenija in Portorož**. We are preparing a variegated programme for you and with your help that is linked to the business use of Open Source technologies in all areas, in which information and communications technologies are used in the contemporary business and economy.
We wish to acquaint you with the latest novelties, orientations and experience of others in the use and development of the mentioned technologies. It is with your help as well that we will compile by the end of September all that is worth presenting to the wider sphere in this field.

The Conference programme of meetings will be made up of several sections – among the more interesting ones are the **section for public administration** and **two more general sections: the technical section** with an emphasis on the technical expert topics and the **business section** with more economy- and user-oriented topics.
At your request, we are repeating the successful and resounding section featured last year – the **"Good Practice" section.** This is an opportunity for everyone wishing to present an example of successful use of Open Source and GNU/Linux technologies that have made a significant mark in your work and the work of the company. Shorter timeframes are allocated to this part and the recommended topics are those, in which the benefits and the use of specific solutions are stressed over technical details.

Simultaneously with the lectures, **workshops** will be organised at the same location where we will be able to further perfect the new knowledge in practice. You will be able to follow practical contents that you found were missing from last year's lectures on your own laptops.

The quality level and the recognition of the Conference were expanded this year and enriched with the **IBLOC Innovative Project Award** – an award according to the jury's selection and an award by website visitors fro the most innovative solution based on an Open Source code or an Open Source project. You can learn more about the registration and the award itself at our www.ibloc.si website.
The Conference participants come from the business IT public and public administration – among them are the leading members of staff in the IT industry as well as eminent experts in the areas of software development and IT infrastructure maintenance. What is common to all of us is that we are attempting to use, are enthusiastic about using or actually use Open Source software in our work.
We are tendering thematic sets for this year's **IBLOC 2007** Conference and are cordially inviting you to **prepare and submit contributions.** Through your attendance of the main annual event featuring the use of Open Source code and Linux in the territory of Slovenia and the wider region, you will contribute to the recognition of your company, organisation as well as to a greater awareness of the use and development of the Open Source code in general.

Thematic emphases at the Conference

Business software:
- implementation and use of Open Source applications in practice,
- development of business software with the use of Open Source technologies,
- migrations from the commercial software to a complete or partial Open Source solution,
- directory system for one-time registration for corporate network services in homogenous and heterogeneous environments.

Virtualization:
- the economic-business aspects of the use of virtualization or Open Source technologies for virtualisation,
- various practical examples of the use of virtualization,
- virtualization technologies.

Web 2.0:
- the use of state-of-the-art Open Source web technologies for the needs of e-administration, e-education and internal corporate websites,
- frameworks for the development and construction of websites and web applications,
- practical use of the development of AJAX technologies with Open Source software libraries and tools.

IT system management:
- technologies for the implementation of highly accessible systems and clusters,
- security of networks and systems with Open Source software,
- surveillance and monitoring of sources in larger information systems,
- management and updating of software on several server or desktop systems from a central location.

The topics are only framework ones and feature basic orientations and help in the preparation of your contributions. The presentations should be based on actual examples of use, especially if you wish to present solutions from the technical standpoint. Indicating the potential end user of the presented solutions is not necessary. Cooperation by the latter in the presentation of a certain solution will, of course, give greater weight and quality to your presentation as well as the confidence of potential clients from among the participants at the Conference, the readers of the Conference materials and the visitors to our website.

The topics of the contributions must be linked to Open Source software or the GNU/Linux operating systems.

Instructions for contribution authors

Send summaries of the proposed contributions in electronic form to the address callforpapers@ibloc.si or via regular mail to Planet GV, Einspielerjeva ulica 6, 1000 Ljubljana, by **10 April 2007** with the annotation "for IBLOC".

We also cordially ask you to propose which set/section you wish the contribution to be included in. If you wish to register the contribution as a workshop or as a brief contribution for the "Good Practice" section, please mark this clearly.
If the contribution proves interesting, the Programme Committee will place it into the plenary part of the Conference and earmark a longer period for presentation. A pre-selection procedure will be carried out based on the received summaries.

The final classification of the contribution into the programme will be decided on by a three-member committee by 20 April at the latest. We will notify you of the selection via e-mail.

Technical instructions for the preparation of summaries

The contribution summaries are to comprise 15 lines at the most and contain:
- an accurate and complete title of the contribution,
- the desired set or section within which it is to be presented,
- the author by name, surname and title,
- the company/organisation of the author,
- the electronic address and contact telephone number of the author – holder of the contribution,
- the contents.

You can also attach to the summary your references and send them in electronic form to the mentioned address by **10 April 2007.**
As a selected lecturer for the Conference, you will be entitled to free attendance of the Conference.

Key dates

10 April 2007	Deadline for submitting summaries
20 April 2007	The pre-selection procedure for contributions based on the summaries and the draft of the Conference programme
30 August 2007	Deadline for submitting complete contributions
27 and 28 September 2007	The IBLOC Conference and the bestowing of the "IBLOC Innovative Project" Award

You are cordially invited!

Conference Programme Committee