

# Social Information and Communication Program



The Program has the objective of assisting non-governmental organizations in due implementation and use of new technologies that facilitate communications and access to information resources.

## ***I Am Not Alone: the Internet for the Disabled***

In the fourth year of the operation of *I Am not Alone* program we sought to promote the Internet as a new means of work, education, and rehabilitation for disabled persons. The year 2001 saw the last fifteen grants under this initiative, extended to institutions and organizations for purposes such as establishment of Internet services for the disabled and providing disabled persons with training on Internet use. Working together with the Warsaw-based Foundation for Assistance to Mathematicians and Computer Specialists with Motor System Dysfunctions and the *Fuga Mundi* Foundation, we organized a series of seminars dealing with the problems of the disabled and the use of new technologies. The seminars – joined by the local governments and computer companies interested in the subject – provided a forum for presenting the initiatives completed with the Program's support to date and for discussions about development of IT-enabled employment and education for the disabled.

## **Free Network Service**

We have been offering a free-of-charge information and communications technology service for NGOs (<http://free.ngo.pl>). By the end of 2001, our servers were home to the accounts of more than 2 000 NGOs as well as cultural and medical institutions (at, respectively, <http://free.art.pl> and <http://free.med.pl>). Our work in this area is animated by a desire to provide non-profit organizations (as well as private individuals) with free access to the Internet, thus providing them with a new instrument for gathering and disseminating information.

## **Internet for Physicians**

The year 2001 saw the conclusion of the *Internet for Physicians* program, carried on since 1997 with a view to encouraging Internet use in the day-to-day work of the medical profession. Our initiative enabled the establishment of many valuable information facilities serving doctors and patients alike to high standards of quality.

## **Social Information and Communication in Lower Silesia**

In 2001, we embarked – together with the Working Community of Social Welfare Organizations, the Wrocław Regional Council of Disabled People, and the Mutual Information Society – upon this new undertaking, geared at putting new technologies (such as the Internet) to use in identifying the problems faced by NGOs in Poland and in planning coordinated responses to them, thus increasing their effectiveness while achieving greater integration of NGOs in the region of Lower Silesia. The project also entails provision of open source software useful in the NGO's work.

**Internet for the Disabled**

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<b>Kalina Social Welfare Residential Center</b> , Suwałki	Workshops <i>The Internet as a Modern Tool for the Disabled</i>	13 040 PLN
<b>The Foundation of Assistance for Patients with Neuromuscular Diseases</b> , Szczecin	The <i>Internet to Independence</i> project – training on design and servicing of World Wide Web sites ( <a href="http://www.miesnie.szczecin.pl">www.miesnie.szczecin.pl</a> )	18 400 PLN
<b>Fuga Mundi Foundation</b> , Lublin	<i>To e-employment via the Internet</i> - series of training events for the disabled	19 400 PLN
	Seminar about IT-enabled work for disabled persons	6 400 PLN
<b>Kalisz Business Incubator Centre Foundation</b> , Kalisz	Training project: <i>Internet for the Hearing-Impaired</i>	10 000 PLN
<b>Foundation for Assistance to Mathematicians and Computer Specialists with Motor System Dysfunctions</b> , Warsaw	Participation of the Foundation's representatives in the AAATI conference about availability of modern technology for the disabled – Ljubljana, Slovenia	1250 PLN
	Organization of the <i>IdN 2001</i> seminar on the role of the Internet in the life of disabled persons	11 300 PLN
	Management of the <a href="http://www.nieslyszacy.pl">www.nieslyszacy.pl</a> server by an informal group of the deaf and hearing-impaired	7 500 PLN
<b>Lublin Forum of Organizations for the Disabled</b> , Lublin	The <i>Chance for Youth</i> project – training for disabled youth under the European Computer Driver's License initiative	7 300 PLN
<b>Polish Association of the Deaf</b> , Szczecin	Information technology club for hearing-impaired children and youth	11 200 PLN
<b>SION Association for the Integration of Disabled Individuals</b> , Bartoszyce	Training entitled <i>The Computer in the Process of Integrating Disabled Persons</i>	2 900 PLN
<b>Association for the Support of the Deaf</b> , Przemyśl	<i>The Computer – My Working Tool</i> : curricular and after-school training for 150 deaf children	10 000 PLN
<b>Common Future - Poland, Europe, the World Association</b> , Brzeziny	The <i>Efeta (Open Up)</i> project – social and vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons at the Center of Training for the Disabled, utilizing new information technology methods	15 000 PLN
<b>Union for Integration and Rehabilitation of the Disabled</b> , Katowice	The project entitled <i>Above Barriers: Disabled Persons in an Information Society</i> – seminar and training concerning work with World Wide Web pages	14 151 PLN
<b>Informal group of Kakofonia e-mail discussion forum participants</b>	Organization of a seminar for disabled persons working with the Internet	10 000 PLN

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<b>Working Community of Social Welfare Organizations</b> , Wrocław	Execution of the <i>Social Information and Communication in Lower Silesia</i> project ( <a href="http://www.wros.ngo.pl/iks">www.wros.ngo.pl/iks</a> )	229 200 PLN
<b>Training</b>	Training and meetings with NGOs participating in the project, participation in the <i>CODE</i> conference on provision of freeware to NGOs – London, England.	15 659 PLN

**Other Grants**

<b>United Way Foundation</b> , Warsaw	Grant towards establishment of a <a href="http://www.unitedway.org.pl">www.unitedway.org.pl</a> site	16 666 PLN
<b>Association for Encouragement of Fitness and Sports</b> , Gdańsk	Training for children and guardians on design and servicing of World Wide Web sites	1 000 PLN
<b>Second Hand Bank Association</b> , Warsaw	Expanding operations of the Second Hand Bank – execution of the In-Kind Gifts Center project ( <a href="http://www.bdr.ngo.pl">http://www.bdr.ngo.pl</a> ) (40 000 PLN provided by the Network Information Program)	60 000 PLN
<b>Free.ngo.pl</b>	Management of the <a href="http://free.ngo.pl">http://free.ngo.pl</a> server for non-governmental organizations	38 984,62 PLN
<b>Internet for Physicians</b>	Presentations and workshops at 24 on-line physicians' clubs, program evaluation (21 269 PLN provided by the Leopold Kronenberg Bank Foundation)	45 595 PLN
<b>Seminars</b>	Three seminars for Internet Program grant recipients. The meetings, preceded by a questionnaire dispatched to the recipients, included a presentation of the best projects receiving grants over the period of 1995-2000	16 130,52 PLN
	<b>Grants:</b>	<b>464 707,00 PLN</b>
	<b>Other activities:</b>	<b>116 369,14 PLN</b>
	<b>Operational costs:</b>	<b>225 196,08 PLN</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>806 272,22 PLN</b>