

## **Israel connected to TEN-155!**

**Cambridge, 27 May 1999. The pan-European research network TEN-155 expanded into a new geographic dimension when the first production traffic flowed between Israel and TEN-155 on 21 May 1999. The Israel Internet-2 network, an extension of the IUCC, the national university network of Israel, will mainly serve Research and Development projects. MACHBA/IUCC is the first Southern Mediterranean university network to join the 22 European national university networks connected to TEN-155.**

Israel is connected to TEN-155 via a 34 Mbps link, provided by the Israeli carrier Golden Lines, to TEN-155 in London. This connection is the direct result of the Q-MED project, a complementary project to Quantum, with the principle objective of connecting the Research and Development communities of Israel and Cyprus to TEN-155. In addition to a basic IP service, researchers in Israel and Europe will be able to benefit from guaranteed Quality of Service using a combination of IP and ATM technology.

The Q-MED Consortium consists of the national university networks of Israel (MACHBA/IUCC), Italy (INFN/GARR), Greece (GR-NET) and the University of Cyprus/CYNET with DANTE as the Co-ordinating Partner. The Q-MED Project is co-funded under the EC's Telematics Applications Programme.

IUCC (Inter University Computation Center) is a not-for-profit organisation mandated by the Israeli government agencies to co-ordinate and enhance the Israeli Internet-2 network. As of 1998, IUCC services eight universities and twenty academic colleges, which comprise about 100,000 students and 20,000 faculty members.

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