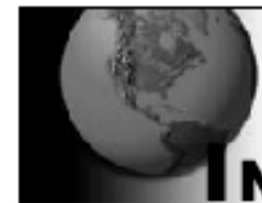




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INTERNATIONAL DISPATCHES

ICTI@Portugal and @Carnegie Mellon

Carnegie Mellon and the Portuguese government will create an international "virtual" Information and Communications Technologies Institute (ICTI) with a five-year, \$42.6 million investment into research and education programs by the Portuguese government.

ICTI will have headquarters in Pittsburgh and Portugal, with Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Jose Moura serving as the institute director in Pittsburgh. Carnegie Mellon faculty in a number of engineering and science disciplines will partner with at least 16 different Portuguese research and education institutions on issues relating to information and communications technology.

Portugal Telecom, Siemens Network, Novabase and a number of Portuguese technology-based companies will form an industrial affiliates program that is part of ICTI.

The Carnegie Mellon-Portugal program

is part of a major initiative undertaken by the Portuguese government to strengthen the country's knowledge base at an international level.

"The Portuguese government launched a technological plan as a political idea to mobilize the state, business and citizens around critical drivers of modernization: knowledge, technology and innovation. The duty of a responsible government with a look toward the future is undoubtedly to foster scientific and technological skills and to recognize the essential role of research and development activities," Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates said during an Oct. 27 ceremony.

The agreement came after months of assessment by university administrators and faculty, in consultation with the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.

"Carnegie Mellon is well-suited to collaborations with Portugal. Our partners have expressed an eagerness to pursue scientific and technological advances, particularly the

opportunities created by an ever-more connected world. We believe our agreement will mobilize people, knowledge and ideas to catalyze strong progress," said President Jared L. Cohon.

College of Engineering Dean Pradeep Khosla and Moura both expressed enthusiasm for the agreement and said it complements and strengthens existing international partnerships for the college and university.