

FONstudent: The International wireless network opened to study and research kicks off from Urbino

Open the wireless networks placed all over the World to communities of students and researchers in order to facilitate the exchange of ideas, learning and people mobility. The Urbino University and FON, the world's largest WiFi Community, are working together in a project that will allow students to connect to their campus facilities wherever they are.

The Urbino University, through the Urbino Wireless Campus (UWiC) project, has achieved a primary role implementing new uses of the wireless networks opened to the learning communities. FON's aim is to facilitate the growth of the WiFi Internet access by creating a community of users (Foneros) who share their Internet connections with other community members. Today, FON counts more than 800.000 users.

FONstudent join the expertise of the Urbino University and FON, enabling students to use their own university accounts, identified as FONstudent, to get free access to their university network at hundreds of thousands of FON Spots.

The technology involved in the project has been developed by the UWiC lab, the laboratory of the Urbino University started in 2006 to launch the wireless campus. Along June 2008 a test phase will be launched and it will initially involve only the Urbino University students. All the students who will join the project will be given a first view on the FONstudent role and will contribute with suggestions, on how to improve the service before it will be extended to all the other students of the World, a phase planned to happen in the first quarter of 2009.

Stefano Vitta, FON country manager and Alessandro Bogliolo, responsible of the UwiC project, will introduce all the details to the press on Friday, April the 4th at 11:00am, in room "Sala Serpieri" of the "Collegio Raffaello", in Urbino.

About FON

FON is the world's largest WiFi community. FON's mission is to stimulate the growth of WiFi around the world by creating a global community of "Foneros". FON's La Fonera routers have been designed to enable Foneros to share their home Internet access in a completely secure manner. Founded in February 2006 in Madrid, Spain, FON investors include Google, Skype, Index Ventures, Sequoia Capital and BT. Currently we have over 800,000 members in Europe, Asia and America and our Community is growing fast.

For more information, visit FON at www.fon.com

About Uniurb

The "Carlo Bo" University of Urbino celebrated in 2006 the fifth centenary of its foundation. In the same year it has launched the Urbino Wireless Campus project, which ranked first among the 82 wireless campus projects submitted to the Prime Minister's Office by Italian Universities.

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