



## Press Release

### **FRANCE'S TECHNO-POLE UNIVERSITY SELECTS 6WIND'S SOLUTION TO TRAIN FUTURE ENGINEERS ON NEW INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES**

**Rennes and Paris, April 11, 2005** – The University of Rennes 1's ICT Engineering Institute, known as IFSIC, and belonging to France's techno-pole region, Brittany, has selected 6WIND's IP-agnostic software technology to prepare its engineering students for the challenges of the new generation Internet, IPv6 protocols and their integration within existing IP networks. New training labs equipped with 6WINDGate™ software offering advanced IP features for both Internet Protocol versions 4 and 6, combined with the most complete set of IPv4 to IPv6 transition mechanisms available in the market, will be ready for classes beginning Fall.

This move marks the culmination of Brittany's new initiative in singling out new Internet technologies as a priority for economic development. Already a bedrock of France's telecommunications industry, Brittany is clearly reinforcing its dynamism with the recent inception of an IPv6 skill center for bridging research and development with the industrial deployment of IPv6-based innovations. Point6, as it is called, groups researchers and engineers from the region's pre-eminent ICT research and academia, namely IRISA and ENST Bretagne, and is aimed at helping industry players manage and facilitate the inevitable evolution to the New Internet.

"Our engineering graduates are going to be confronted with major IP networking challenges in the coming years as IPv6 standards get implemented into all networks. We have to therefore, ensure that our training labs are equipped with cutting-edge IP networking technologies. This is why we selected routers embedded with 6WINDGate software," said César Viho, faculty lecturer at IFSIC responsible for the second year program leading to a major in networking for a master's degree in engineering.

"We are pleased that IFSIC chose to use 6WIND's technology, which is absolutely essential for anticipating and managing the Internet evolution as part of its engineering program for higher learning. 6WIND is a world-class leader in advanced IP networking software, a highly innovative domain that addresses an emerging market and complex new protocols linked to the arrival of IPv6 and the convergence of new Internet services. Our success lies partially in nurturing partnerships with research institutes and universities, as we have done here and with ENST Bretagne as well as University of Paris 6," added Patrick Cocquet, chairman and co-founder of 6WIND.

"It is critical for industry players and telecom operators to grasp the full impact of the impending transition to IPv6 and understand that there are infinite opportunities and new capacities to be had for developing new products and services. By incorporating new Internet technologies within academic programs and leveraging the support provided by a skill center like Point6, we aim to make this a natural rite of passage for the industry," said Hervé Le Goff, Research Director at IRISA.

For more information on IFSIC and Point6, visit <http://www.ifsic.univ-rennes1.fr> and <http://www.point6.net>

## **About 6WIND**

6WIND is the undisputed leader and innovator of advanced IP-agnostic\* networking software for OEM licensing. The company's flagship technology, 6WINDGate™, enables network equipment providers to significantly cut development time and costs, simplify network application integration and accelerate the go-to-market process of new generation multi-services and secure networking equipment. 6WINDGate™-empowered devices are used worldwide in advanced dual IP projects on mobility, WLAN, interoperability, and secure broadband access by major industrial corporations, ISPs and telecommunication operators, public services, state bodies and the academia.

6WIND was the first European company to receive the global IPv6-ready logo. A European Information Society Technology 2004 award winner, it was also named a "Leader of Innovation", Europe in 2005. The company is a spin-out of Thales (HO.FP) with headquarters in France and sales offices in Asia.  
<http://www.6wind.com>

**\* Internet Protocol version agnostic, refers to the ability of 6WINDGate to support seamless networking on any IP infrastructure without favoring IPv4 or IPv6 since it was developed ground-up to support both.**

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