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** A very short issue and the occasion for DANTE **
** to wish you a happy and successful New Year **

WORLD SERVICE

The interconnection with the American backbone network Abilene has been upgraded by an extra 622 Mbps on an additional OC-12 (POS). An agreement has been reached with Abilene, which will now provide the DANTE world service customers with an International Network Transit (ITN) service, via which they will get access to STAR TAP and networks such as SingAREN, APAN, etc.

A new STM-1 transatlantic line into Vienna has been ordered in order to alleviate traffic on TEN-155 and should become operational in February 2001.

A new interconnection agreement with ESnet, the American Energy Science network, has also been signed in December 2000. For the first time, this agreement offers a shared-cost model for transatlantic connectivity.

STAFF AT DANTE

Anton Antonov (RU) joined us in mid-December as our New System Administrator. Anton graduated from Southern Ural State University (RU) and worked for 5 years as the Network Administrator for a bank in Chelyabinsk (RU) before he joined DANTE.