

Foreword

TELUS is very proud to have been the corporate host, along with the Université de Sherbrooke as the academic host, of the 17th Biennial Conference of the International Telecommunications Society (ITS): The Changing Structure of the Telecommunications Industry and the New Role of Regulation, which took place in June 2008, in Montreal, Canada. TELUS invited the ITS conference to Canada because TELUS believes in fostering high-quality analysis of important public policy issues affecting telecommunications both in Canada and around the world.

More than 300 delegates from more than 40 countries came together for four days in Montreal to share new ideas and approaches for dealing with pressing issues in telecommunications, including technological change, new sources of competition, new theoretical developments, and the ways in which government policy can best respond to these issues.

This book flows directly from the ITS conference and effectively captures the character of the conference in microcosm. The 15 chapters selected by Drs Gentzoglannis and Henten reflect the rich, international character and professional diversity of ITS and its members. The present volume contains contributions from the academic, private sector and government communities, providing a crucial window into key contemporary debates in telecommunications. I am confident that this volume will inform and shape future debate, policy-making, business planning, research and strategic thinking.

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