



JOTA/JOTI 2003 - Globally & Locally

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Globally: The traditional Jamboree on the Air - using amateur radio frequencies - and the newer Jamboree on the Internet are becoming more and more the same. This year, for the first time, some Scouts' radio messages travelled part way via the Internet before returning to the airwaves. And, a new JOTI feature was the ability to talk on the Internet.

The World Scout Bureau operated two official radio stations this year, one in Geneva, and one at IPT Camp in Kalkar, Germany. Reports are still being received, but it is estimated that about half a million people participated again this year. JOTI statistics showed a general increase of about 20 percent over last year (with a 200 percent increase in email participation certificates). One of the JOTI networks reported almost 4,000 people using the various chatting channels at the same time, while 35,000 were estimated to be tuned into radios at the same time.

Locally: A good example of the educational value of JOTA/JOTI can be found in a new report in the Promising Practices series. It features the Communication Technology Camp held this year by Greater Manchester East in the UK. It supports Strategic Priority 7: strengthening communications, partnerships and resources.

The Manchester East web site with photos of their camp:

<http://www.jota.org.uk/2003/2003.htm>