

This book represents research based on a triple point of view: *scientific*, *technical* and *historical*.

At the dawn of a millennium in which we will see the fullness of the Information Society, this book invites us to perceive the worldwide achievements of Information Science and Technology, which are the fundamentals of the future Information Society.

The *historical* approach is rich and relatively exhaustive. The *scientific* and *technical* contexts are always present in the writing, which is consistent and managed with the constant care necessary and sufficient for comprehension.

The topics are generous but the extensive content of this book can be explored without difficulties since the author's style is both precise and concise. The text is continuous and linear, in spite of the insertion of important citations which provide adequate coherence and allow the reader to avoid searching and examining, a posteriori, a multitude of bibliographical references.

The chapter dedicated to the Romanian history of Information Science and Technology combines the country's history with the transposition of precedent analysis, based on the Latin background common to both French and Romanian cultures.

The bibliographical research involved in this book is, in my opinion, extremely important. We have to consider it, on one hand, like the background of this book and, on the other hand, as the basis for future reflections. The reader will surely discover despite his or her personal knowledge, more or less extensive many new and interesting issues and challenges.

I consider this book written initially in French an opportunity to remember and demonstrate, in several convincing manners, how and to what extent the cultural links between France and Romania are old and sound.

I can only enjoy this approach!

Professor Claude GIMENES, Ph.D.
Institut National des Télécommunications, Evry, France

ISBN 0-9790666-2-X



9 780979 066627