

## **European project hosts workshop at renowned conference on pervasive computing**

**If the computer becomes invisible in use how do you then tackle a system breakdown? If you ask researchers from the European project PalCom the answer is ‘palpable computing’. This week they will present their approach to pervasive computing at an international conference in Canada.**

When the Fifth International Conference on Pervasive Computing opens in Toronto, Canada, researchers from the European project PalCom will be among the speakers. On the first day of the conference, Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, they will host the workshop ‘Designing4Palpability’. The full-day event will focus on ‘palpable computing’, a new concept for pervasive computing which PalCom’s researchers are developing.

*Palpable* means that systems are capable of being noticed and apprehended. Palpable systems support people in understanding what is going on at the level they choose and they support control and choice by people.

*“In PalCom we are positive about palpable computing as the way to go for pervasive computing. We look forward to sharing and discussing our vision of more comprehensible and compatible information technology at the workshop,”* says Professor Morten Kyng from the University of Aarhus, coordinator of the PalCom project.

### **Designing4Palpability**

The workshop will take place Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 in Toronto, Canada

- Experts from different disciplines are listed as participants; e.g. sociology, computer science and interaction design.
- 11 papers have been accepted for presentation. [Supporting Palpability in Emergency Response](#), [Interaction Ecologies](#), [What are we Interacting With? : Architectural Reflection for Technical Translucence in Ubiquitous Computing](#), and [A Seamless Hybrid Communication System for Transient Locations](#).
- See the full programme at the workshop’s [web page](#)

### **About the PalCom project**

PalCom (IST 002057) is a four-year integrated project that is funded by the European Union., with a total budget amounts to almost 13 million euros. Over 100 researchers and professional developers take part in PalCom. They come from universities and IT companies all over Europe. Read more about PalCom at the project’s [web page](#)