



# Eurotech unveils Zypad, the wrist-worn pc that will revolutionise the way we use computers

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PR9.NET June 28, 2006 - Amaro, Udine – The Italian stock exchange saw the unveiling of the Zypad, the wrist-worn computer made by Eurotech, a company dedicated to the research, development, production and marketing of miniature computers (NanoPCs) and high processing capacity (HPC) computers.

Zypad, the result of a high-tech design that combines circuit miniaturisation, a range of hardware functions, optimised power consumption and ergonomic criteria, is a little gem that weighs around 290 grams and promises to revolutionise the way millions of people work. In the long-term, it could become a day-to-day object as common as the mobile phone or the palmtop.

'The idea behind the wrist-worn computer project,' explains Eurotech boss Roberto Siagri, 'was to "leave the user's hands free". Zypad will enable users to work with a network connection without being tied to a fixed position. These wearable computers will give us a new freedom of movement, radically changing the way we work, and for the better.'

The primary target is people working in hostile environments, where computers have become essential, but the use of a traditional PC or any other hand-held device is still impossible. Wearable computers are a way of ensuring access to integrated devices without unnecessarily inconveniencing users.

The fact that Zypad is integrated into the users' personal space and does not monopolise their attention also means that its processing platform and multimedia capabilities can be used without getting in the way of the user's current activities.

'In the future,' concludes Siagri, 'Eurotech plans to develop wearable computers designed specifically for each of the different target groups in order to best meet their professional requirements. We want to realise the dream that Mark Weiser, pioneer in the field of 'ubiquitous computing', summed up when he said 'The most profound technologies are those that disappear. They weave themselves into the fabric of everyday life until they are indistinguishable from it'.

'From a technological point of view,' explains Roberto Turchi, Marketing & Sales Manager at WearablePC, 'making a wrist-worn computer has involved overcoming a lot of sizeable challenges. Ergonomic studies have demonstrated that weight, wearability and screen size are all important factors in a wearable computer and, in order to meet these requirements, Eurotech has miniaturised the circuits as much as possible to create a computer that is easy to use and comfortable to wear.

The controls are flexible as they depend to a large extent on the user's requirements and the intended application. Both touch screen and navigation keys can be used, with voice-recognition software currently under development. In all cases, the devices are designed to be as streamlined as possible.

'We had another big success in power consumption,' continues Turchi. 'Thanks to a number of innovative, patented solutions, Eurotech technicians have managed to create a system that allows the wrist-worn computer to run only when it is actually in use, among other things.'

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