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**General Information:** The EC's Host Organisation (ECHO) on-line services is now described in several pages on the World-Wide Web at http://www.echo.lu where echo.lu = 139.168.64.2. But do not expect too much: there is little detailed information and no direct access to the databases. (Telephone +352 34 98 12 01 for the ECHO Help Desk).

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First Notice of BRITE/EURAM Call
Following the adoption by the Council of Ministers of the specific programme for materials and technological development in the field of industrial and materials technologies (BRITE/EURAM III) on 27 July, the European Commission has announced a first notice of calls for proposals. Information on preparing proposals can be sought, but proposals should be sent after the official call on 15 December 1994 (the deadline if 15 March 1995). For a detailed information package, contact: EcoE, DG-XII/C, 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels; fax: +32-2-295 23 45; fax: +32-2-295 80 46).

**Institutional Fellows Call**

The last selection round for institutional fellows in the 3rd Framework's Human Capital and Mobility programme has been announced. The EC invites young scientists to apply for mainly postdoc fellowships at institutes listed in the Off. J. S 177 of 15 September 1994. The institutes themselves must send their choices to the EC by 15 December for a first selection. There will be further selections until all the places are filled. For information, contact J. Vogelgesang, EC, DG-XXG-I, Brussels (fax: +32-2-296 32 70). The list is currently available by telnet for EUR-OP sales agents - telephone +325 499 28 45 for information). In its pilot phase, IDEA will be available on the ECHO host (see above) free of charge for a few months (probably under a new the rubric on the ECHO Main Menu.) It will then move to the commercially oriented EUROBASES host which charges for access. (Telephone +322-2-295 00 01 for the EUROBASES Help Desk).