AAATE News

Assistive Technology From Virtuality to Reality 8th European Conference for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe
Faculty of Medicine Henri Warembourg – Lille – France – September 6–9, 2005

AAATE

The Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE) organises its 8th conference in Lille, France, in 2005. This biennial conference is an opportunity for people to discuss new developments, trends and researches in the field of Assistive Technology. Following successful conferences held in Ireland, Slovenia, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Sweden and The Netherlands, over 200 papers were selected and published from its last conference in 2003.

AAATE’s membership has grown significantly since its formation. Its sister organisations are RESNA (North America), ARATA (Australia) and RESJA (Japan). These opportunities to exchange expertise are essential for those working in the AT field.

Further information, membership and resources can be accessed through the AAATE website: www.aaate.net.

Conference venue

Lille has the benefit of a privileged geographical situation in the centre of the Paris – London – Brussels triangle.

All facilities are available for people with special needs. Transport: subway (automatic and fully accessible), tramway (fully accessible) and bus (more and more are accessible).

Conference host

The conference is organized by IFRATH which constitutes a group of academic laboratories, association of users and industrial companies having decided to put in common their competencies by creating synergy allowing to favor the promotion of technological and methodological researches relating to various disabilities.

The variety of assistive technology implies a multidisciplinary approach which requires an exchange with other research domains: medicine, psychology, ergonomy, sociology, economy...

IFRATH is a network allowing to be in touch with a maximum of persons in all the implied domains. Narrow links exist between the actors of research and industries in order to fit the technologies to people with special needs.

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Conference themes

The subtitle of the conference is From Virtuality to Reality. It focuses on the bridge which leads from the need to the actual use of the assistive device.

New technologies

New technologies emerge today. How may they be used in the Assistive Technology field?

Technology transfer

Why are many technologies and many developments available but don’t reach the market.

Socio-economic aspects

In Europe of free exchange of goods, the assistive technology products know a different essort. What about the policies in the different countries: convergence or divergence?

Human centred considerations

How to consider the needs, how to evaluate them, what is the place of the user in the development of an assistive device?

Areas

Access to the Information Society
Assistive Technology for Children
Assistive Technology for Mobility
Assistive Technology for Older Adults
Assistive Technology for Restoration and enhancement of Function
Assistive Technology for the Activity of Daily Living
Assistive Technology in Education & Training
Assistive Technology in the work environment
Assistive Technology in the workplace
Augmentative and Alternative Communication
Changes in Social Systems and Service Delivery
Community networks
Design for All/Universal Design
Development of Assistive Technology for Independent Living
Education and training in Assistive Technology
European Infrastructure in the field of Assistive Technology

Improving Quality of Assistive Technology
Industrial competitiveness and Technology Transfer
Issues of Human/Machine Interaction
Socio-economic evaluation
User empowerment

This list is not exhaustive, all areas related to assistive technology may be considered.

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