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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The PHD Programme and Studies in Assistive Technology and Design for All workshop was held within the celebration of the AAATE07 Conference, in October the 5th, 2007 in San Sebastian (www.donostia.org) SPAIN at the Kursaal Convention Centre (www.kursaal.org).

Five European universities were invited to present their study programs and to share their difficulties or advantages in the field of arranging this kind of studies.

A coordinator of the workshop was also invited. Please see the program at point 3.1. of this report.

12 persons were registered upon answering the invitation, but some other joined the workshop spontaneously. Finally an audience of 20 persons was estimated.

The major difficulty when organising the workshop was to find and contact the responsible of this kind of studies at a university level. But the celebration of the AAATE07 Conference helped to bring them to the workshop.

The workshop went by smoothly and intensively. There was place for many discussions and question answering.

APTES (www.tecnologiasocial.org) as the institution in charge of organising the workshop - with the support of Fatronik (www.fatronik.com) - was fully satisfied with the results.

2 PREPARING AND RUNNING THE WORKSHOP

Full CV of the participants are available upon request

2.1 *Invitation / Nomination / Decision for a chair*

All the participants were invited because they were responsible for postgraduate studies in AT and/or D4all studies in a European university level.

Dr. Klaus Miesenberger. **Johanes Klepler University, Linz.**
Austria

He is member and at the moment vice-chair of the association UNIABILITY, the organisation of professional counsellors for students with disabilities or chronic diseases at universities in Austria.

He is working since several years as evaluator and reviewer for the European Commission. He co-operates with several public authorities concerning European programmes in Austria.

He acts as the managing director of National Contact Point for EDeAN (European Design for All e-Accessibility Network)

He is the scientific co-ordinator for two University distance learning courses, both four semesters: "bfwd: Barrier Free Web Design" and "assistec: Assistive Technologies"

He set up and manages the Regional Competence Centre IT for People with disabilities (KI-I) for the Regional Government Upper Austria.

Dr. Ruth Mayagoitia-Hill. University of London

Is the director of the Centre of Rehabilitation Engineering and the coordinator of the MSc in Assistive Technology at King's College London.

Recent Publications

Nene A, Mayagoitia RE, Veltink PH "Assessment of rectus femoris function during initial swing phase", Gait and Posture, 9(1):1-9, 1999.

Mayagoitia R E, Nene A V, Veltink P H, "Accelerometer and rate gyroscope measurement of the kinematics: an inexpensive alternative to optical motion analysis systems", Journal of Biomechanics, 35(4):537-542, 2002.

Mayagoitia R E, Lötters J C, Veltink P H, Hermens H, "Standing balance evaluation using a triaxial accelerometer", Gait and Posture 16(1):55-59, 2002.

Dr. Daniel Guasch. Technical University of Catalonia (UPC)

Academic Director of the Accessibility Chair of the UPC (2005-at present)

Vice director of the Technical College of Engineering of Vilanova I la Geltrú (2003-2005)

7th UPC Prize to the University Teaching Quality 2004, for "Two years of education on alternation in the EPSEVG: an experience of shared education".

Improvement of the accessibility conditions of catalonian Linux distribution Linkat, Funded by Departament de la Presidència de la Generalitat de Catalunya, Principal researcher Dr. Daniel Guasch, 03/2006-12/2006.

Accessibility programming of the JClick progem, Funded by Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles (ONCE), Principal researcher Dr. Daniel Guasch, 06/2006-11/2006.

Member of the Scientific Committee of II International Congress on Domotics, Robotics and Remote-Assistance for All, 2005-2007

Jaime López Krahe. University Paris 8.

Attended the workshop his colleague Anis Rojbi

Assistant professor, Signal and image processing, Master Technology and disability data processing field and technology

Dr. Sabino Aiestaran. University of the Basque Country

Holds the Social Psychology Chair at the University of the Basque Country. From 2004 to nowadays is the Coordinator of the Quality Chair at the UBC. Runs the Oficial Master: "Psychology: individual, group, organization and culture". Working on the II edition of the "Social Technology Master. At the UBC as an official Master. Has taught in the Doctorate Programs at the following universities: Universidad de Deusto, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidades de Barcelona, Universidad de Sevilla y Universidad de Bologna (Italy).

2.2 Agreement with CWST

The CWST project will support the organisor of the AAATE 2007 conference on the following topics:

1. Financing two invited speakers of the plenary sessions.

Maximum: € 5.000,-.

2. Organising a best paper award during the conference.

3. Organising a workshop regarding PHD Programme and Studies in Assistive Technology and Design for All. Maximum: € 3.500,-.

4. Support of participation of students from EU countries to participate in the conference. Maximum: € 5.000,-.

5. *EU session with invited speakers of the EU commission and e-Inclusion unit. Maximum: € 3.500,-. (concerns this DL18)*

The overall financing support from the CWST project will be a maximum of € 18.000,-. This financing support will only become available under conditions that for each of the mentioned parts a local approachable person will be arranged as well as making a final report of the conference in the preferred CWST layout.

Agreed by Fatronik/Gorka Eizmendi - CWST/Harry Knops

2.3 Seminar / Workshop Office

2.3.1 Information, Invitation, Flyer

Invitations were sent by e-mail . Some of them in english, others in Spanish.
The program was enclosed to the e-mail.

Estimado/a amigo/a:

Me complace enviarle el programa del workshop que ha organizado APTES en el marco de la "9ª Conferencia Europea para el Avance de las Tecnologías Asistivas en Europa – AAATE07":

"Postgraduate Studies in Assistive Technology and Design for All"

que tendrá lugar el Viernes, 5 de Octubre de 11:00 a 13:00 en el Centro Kursaal de Donostia.

Para asistir, por favor confirmar por teléfono o e-mail en APTES
Reciba un saludo

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Dear all,

APTES has organized a workshop in the AAATE07 Conference about

"Postgraduate studies in Assistive Technology and Design for all"

that will be held next Friday October the 5th from 11:00 to 13:00 at Room 4 in the Kursaal Centre.

I am enclosing the program. To assit please confirm by answering this e-mail.
Regards

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2.3.2 Registration

Registration was made by answering the invitation e-mail

2.3.3 WWW tools and WWW page

More information about the workshop and register tools at:

<http://www.tecnologiasocial.org/eventos.asp?T=76>

2.4 Budget: Sponsoring, Accounting

CWST: 3.500 €

Others. APTES and FATRONIK support.

2.5 Local Facilities

The workshop was held in the Kursaal Centre in San Sebastian. All the facilities were provided by this Congress Centre www.kursaal.org

2.6 Hotel: Reservation, Booking, Co-operation

2.6.1 Pre-reservation

Made by the technical secretariat of the AAATE07 Conference: Lankor S.L.

2.6.2 Special conditions

Lankor has special economic conditions with the local hotels

2.6.3 Tourist and local information

Brochures provided in the congress attendant rucksack.

Formation provided in the AAATE07 web site <http://www.fatronik.com/aaate2007/>

2.6.4 Transport

Transport to San Sebastian for the workshop chairs was supported by the organization

2.7 Special needs arrangements

The AAATE07 Conference within this workshop was hold, provided every kind of special needs arrangements. There was no need for them during the workshop session.

3 FINAL REPORT: Programme and Content

3.1 Final Programme

“Postgraduate Studies in Assistive Technologies and Design for All”

Kursaal Centre, San Sebastián, SPAIN. October the 5th, 2007

Presentation

Studies about Assistive Technologies are breaking out in European universities. Besides, the “Bologna process” has become the origin of large transformations among the university community.

In this workshop five Universities will present their current programs and will bring us the opportunity to discuss not only academic but organizational and labour related topics within the postgraduate studies in AT and d4all.

Chairperson: Dra. Arantxa Tapia. Headmaster of “Master in Social Technology. University of the Basque Country”

PROGRAM

Workshop 3. Room 4

11:00 – 11:05 Presentation

11:05 - 11:20 “MSc in Assistive Technology at King’s College London: 1999 – 2007” Dr. Ruth Mayagoitia-Hill. **University of London**

11:20 – 11:35 “Proposal of Master in Accessibility: architecture, design and technology for all at Technical University of Catalonia (UPC) and other teaching experiences related to Bologna process” Dr. Daniel Guasch. **Technical University of Catalonia (UPC)**

11:35 – 11:50 “Master in Social Technology: Bridging Technology and Social Needs”. Dr. Sabino Ayestaran. **University of the Basque Country**

11:50 - 12:05 “Assistec, University Degree in Assistive Technologies””. Dr. Klaus Miesenberger. **Johanes Klepler University, Linz. Austria**

12:05 – 12:20 “Master Technology and Disability. Data Processing Field and Technology”. Anis Rojbi. **University Paris 8.**

12:20-13:00 Conclusions

Registration:

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Language: the session will be held in English

More info at:

www.fatronik.com/aaate2007

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www.kursaal.org

3.2 Proceedings: Minutes, Reports, Handouts, Slides, Materials

All the presentations are available at

<http://www.tecnologiasocial.org/eventos.asp?T=76>

4 FINAL REPORT: Policy Support Paper

4.1 The Most Important Results

1. Meeting of five European university responsible for AT and d4all studies. A small network created
2. Permitted to share each universities difficulties to create this kind of studies
3. As this kind of studies are new in Europe, the meeting was converted in some kind of relief for the workshop chairs
4. The settings for an European interuniversity master program were made
5. The assistants could reach to know and compare 5 different study programs
6. At the end of the workshop there was a discussion about linking the technological subjects and social subjects
7. It was a valuable meeting for each university to feel supported by the others and also to become stronger inside each university

