

# 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 biannual 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](http://www.aaate.net).

### Conference venue

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

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### 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 multi-disciplinary 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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