Université Paris-Saclay holds 2021 disability inclusion conference on "Innovation for Accessibility"

As part of the 2021 edition of the 'Handiversité' conference on "Innovation for Accessibility", Université Paris-Saclay gave centre stage to technological and educational innovation for people with disabilities.

The fourth edition of the University's disability inclusion conference was dedicated this year to **innovation for accessibility**.

Held online, the event brought together approximately 150 participants from a wide range of backgrounds: companies, lecturers, researchers, students, associations, local authorities and citizens.

While participants had the chance to come together and share experiences, the conference also showcased some of the University's disability-related research and innovation projects.

Participants were able to interact with the twenty innovative project leaders thanks to a fun and interactive virtual tour organised via a [dedicated space](#) on the platform Gather Town. They were also able to learn about current theses on disability topics and attend presentations on cutting-edge technology and educational projects developed within the University or the Paris-Saclay area, all focused on three main themes: achieving an accessible digital campus; adapted mobility on the Plateau de Saclay; and innovation for autonomy.

The event's round tables and talks also explored specific subjects, such as "Sports and disabilities: the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games", "Music as a means for cognitive stimulation and remediation" and "Facilitating access to digital content for people with disabilities".

The five candidates for the Handiversité Young Scientist Prize officially presented their research projects. The €2,000 prize was awarded to Valentin Bauer from the Interdisciplinary Laboratory of Digital Sciences – LISN (Université Paris-Saclay/CNRS) for his project "Design of a multisensory augmented reality application for the well-being of children with moderate to severe autism".

Marion Kaczmarek, also from the Interdisciplinary Laboratory of Digital Sciences – LISN (Université Paris-Saclay/CNRS), was awarded the Jury's Prize and the sum of €500 for her project "Computer-assisted sign language translation software".

The conference was organised with the support of the Fondation Paris-Saclay Université and was interpreted in French Sign Language (LSF) and subtitled in real-time.

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Université Paris-Saclay brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, two associate institutions and shared laboratories with six national research organisations.

With 48,000 students, 8,100 lecturers and 8,500 administrative and technical staff members, Université Paris-Saclay offers a comprehensive and varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level programmes and engineering degrees, renowned for their quality thanks to the reputation and commitment of the University's academic staff.

Located in the south of Paris on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading University, Université Paris-Saclay is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nested in a protected natural area, at the heart of a dynamic economic hub.

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