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***“Global Challenges in Assistive Technology” - 15<sup>th</sup> international AAATE conference to be hosted by the world’s oldest university in Bologna, Italy, 27-30 August 2019***

**Press Release**

**November 2018**

**Bologna, Italy:** For the 15<sup>th</sup> time, the Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE) is inviting assistive technology (AT) experts, researchers, manufacturers, providers, professional and end users of AT and everyone who works in a field where AT is deployed, to come together and discuss the global (and local) challenges in this field.

AAATE’s 2019 conference is the opportunity to get a broad as well as **in-depth picture of new developments and research outcomes in Assistive Technology**. It is the platform for **researchers to share their work and present in front of an international expert community** in the venerable atmosphere of the oldest university in the world, namely the University of Bologna. It is the space for **policy makers to hear about pilot projects, new policies and technological advancements**. It is **3 day master class for professionals working with AT** to learn about the newest trends in both solutions and service delivery. It is the place to be and connect with peers for everyone working in the field of AT and accessibility.

Whether you are interested in just participating or more actively contributing to the conference, have a look at <http://aaate2019.eu>. There are many ways of getting involved and join in our expert community. We are looking forward to inspiring exchanges!

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**About AAATE**

The Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE) is the interdisciplinary pan-European association devoted to all aspects of assistive technology, such as use, research, development, manufacture, supply, provision and policy. The AAATE’s mission is “to stimulate the advancement of assistive technology for the benefit of people with disabilities, including elderly people” and over 250 members from all over Europe and throughout the world are already taking part in AAATE’s activities.