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Preface

Welcome to the 10th ICCHP 2006!



Since the 1980s, computer technology has become a key technology for people with disabilities, offering functionalities to overcome barriers and take part in more and more areas of society. Starting with handicraft and trials, a new research and development field has been established known today as 'assistive technologies' (AT). Based on standard information and communication technology (ICT)

the field has increasingly made impact on mainstream areas and establishes 'e-accessibility', 'e-inclusion' and 'design for all' as key concepts for an open and democratic society. The progress in ICT and AT significantly pushes forward the disability rights and independent living movement. The obvious benefits for the target group help to understand the way we design the emerging information society, which determines accessibility for and inclusion of people with disabilities.

The motto of the 10th ICCHP, 'equality = e-Quality: Equal Access to the Information Society Depending on the Quality of ICT and AT,' reflects this development. ICCHP's mission is to support this process. ICCHP has been one of the first meeting places for pioneers establishing the field. It supports today the interdisciplinary discussion and presentation of research and development which is inevitable when aiming at better quality of life for people with disabilities. ICCHP is proud of its role.

With a focus on scientific excellence, ICCHP has become an important reference to AT for the mainstream. After more than two decades the first steps have been made, but lot more is needed to make the information society a really inclusive one. ICCHP is committed to supporting this development in the future. Come and get involved!

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Once again we thank all those helping to put ICCHP together and thereby supporting the AT field and a better quality of life for people with disabilities.

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