

COGNITIVE 2026

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The Eighteenth International Conference on Advanced Cognitive Technologies and Applications (COGNITIVE 2026), held on April 19 – 23, 2026, targeted advanced concepts, solutions and applications of artificial intelligence, knowledge processing, agents, as key-players, and autonomy as manifestation of self-organized entities and systems. The advances in applying ontology and semantics concepts, web-oriented agents, ambient intelligence, and coordination between autonomous entities led to different solutions on knowledge discovery, learning, and social solutions.

The conference had the following tracks:

- Brain information processing and informatics
- Artificial intelligence and cognition
- Agent-based adaptive systems
- Applications
- Autonomous systems and autonomy-oriented computing
- Hot topics on cognitive science

Similar to the previous edition, this event attracted excellent contributions and active participation from all over the world. We were very pleased to receive top quality contributions.

We take here the opportunity to warmly thank all the members of the COGNITIVE 2026 technical program committee, as well as the numerous reviewers. The creation of such a high quality conference program would not have been possible without their involvement. We also kindly thank all the authors that dedicated much of their time and effort to contribute to COGNITIVE 2026. We truly believe that, thanks to all these efforts, the final conference program consisted of top quality contributions.

Also, this event could not have been a reality without the support of many individuals, organizations and sponsors. We also gratefully thank the members of the COGNITIVE 2026 organizing committee for their help in handling the logistics and for their work that made this professional meeting a success.

We hope COGNITIVE 2026 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry that will promote further progress in the area of cognitive technologies and applications. We also hope that Lisbon provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time to enjoy this beautiful city.

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