

The puntCAT Foundation receives the Honourable Mention at the 17th Festibity

- **The Sparkle project, HumanITCare and the former chairman of FIB Alumni, Albert Herrero, also acknowledged with Festibity Mentions**

Every year, the FIB and its alumni association, FIB Alumni, reflect the importance of acknowledging the work of the people and companies standing out in the field of information technologies, defending values and work methods that are in line with the goals of FIB Alumni and of the FIB.

This year, Festibity awarded the puntCAT Foundation with the Honourable Mention for actively promoting ICTs through initiatives that seek to boost the internet business and its dissemination, for making technology a tool for growth, pluralism and participation and for being a vehicle to accompany language and culture. The Mention was awarded by councillor Jordi Puigneró to the president of the PuntCAT Foundation, Carles Salvadó, with Joan Francesc Gras and Salvador Alegret, former presidents of the entity.

The Mention for the ICT Initiative was for the SPARKLE project, an immersive virtual factory by ALTRAN, an initiative that applies the benefits of Industry 4.0 and reproduces an immersive virtual factory based on a real factory, where smart sensors permanently collect data to detect its status and anticipate errors, maintenance requirements or hazards.

The FIB Mention was collected by Albert Herrero, who was the chairman of FIB Alumni until recently, in acknowledgement for his work and contribution to FIB Alumni and his career in the Faculty, where he has been a facilitator throughout his working life, with the belief that technology, in whatever industry, is a means to an end. He also applied this professionally to different local projects and different European countries.

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Finally, HumanITCare was awarded the Fiberemprenedors Mention, which is presented every year to important Fiber-based companies that have promoted a relevant business project.

Festibity is promoted by the Barcelona Faculty of Information Technology (FIB) and FIB Alumni, and its profits are reinvested into the community of students and alumni to organise activities (seminars, ICT meetings, training) and to maintain a network and a job exchange.

This year's edition of Festibity focused on **robotics** and **Artificial Intelligence**, especially with regard to care, a line of development based on facilitating the every-day lives of vulnerable groups, such as people with reduced mobility, and on robotics through the ethical limits to be imposed on new technological advances.

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