



Accessing the Future:

*A global collaborative exploration
for accessibility in the next decade*



Please join us for the first IEEE conference dedicated to identifying the next generation of accessibility challenges. These challenges arise from the increasingly pervasive use of technologies such as 3-D Web, online collaboration, shared medical records, and advanced systems for transportation and communication.

By identifying challenges early in the technology cycle, standards, interfaces, and policies can be developed to ensure that the needs, accessibility requirements, and inclusion of 650 million people with disabilities worldwide, along with the rapidly increasing aging population, are considered beforehand rather than as an afterthought.

This international conference, organized in partnership with IBM, will consist of a plenary session with keynote speakers and panel and working sessions with speakers, panelists and participants from diverse sectors including, academia, industry, government, advocacy groups, and others. A poster session is also planned.

This first conference will focus on four areas:

- **Universal design and accessibility standards**
- **Patient-centered collaborative care**
- **3D-Web and collaboration**
- **Transportation and Travel**

Conference co-Chairs:

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2006 IEEE President, Professor and Chair, Department of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering, University of Colorado at Boulder

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Keynote speakers:



Mr. Axel Leblois
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