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Great success of the CLARIFY Final Conference!

The event convened leading experts from both the clinical sector and the field of applied AI and cloud computing in healthcare in the city of Valencia.

- ^{CO} The CLARIFY Final Conference was organized by the Computer Vision and Behaviour Analysis Lab (CVBLab), a research group at the UPV, acting as coordinators of this Innovative Training Network (ITN).
- A The conference brought together over 70 attendees, including academics, clinical professionals, and experts in research in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing from around the world.

On 25-26 January 2024, the CLARIFY Final Conference took place in Valencia, Spain. The event was organized by the CVBLAb group from the UPV, as project coordinators, but was supported by the CLARIFY consortium, formed by the University of Granada, the University of Stavanger, the University of Amsterdam, the hospitals Helse Stavanger and Erasmus MC, the INCLIVA Research Foundation, and the companies Tyris Software and bitUnitor AS.

The CLARIFY Final Conference marked the closure of this exciting project, which was born in 2019 as an innovative, multinational and multidisciplinary research and training program to produce 12 ESRs in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cloud Computing and clinical pathology to address the challenges presented by digital pathology.

Therefore, the objective was to present the results of the research carried out during the 52 months that this project has lasted, as well as to learn from the hand of speakers of great prestige in the field, their experiences from other approaches of how digital pathology can be a key element in clinical practice. To this end, four guest speakers of recognized prestige in their respective positions were invited: Paula Toro, Medical Affairs Lead in the Pathology



Department at Roche Tissue Diagnostics, who contributed her experience from a more clinical point of view; Adrián Colomer, co-founder of the spin-off Artikode Intelligence, who provided an example of how the results of scientific research can be transferred and the importance of this to meet the demands of the current market; Lukas Ruff, head of Data Science at the company Aignostics, who showed the work of a well-established company that develops innovative solutions to enhance decision-making processes, particularly

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within the healthcare sector; and Geert Litjens, professor at Radboud University Medical Center and member of the BigPicture project, who presented this large and ambitious European project, which is very much in line with the approach proposed in CLARIFY but on a much larger scale.

The conference was **open to the research and clinical community**, and registration was free for all attendees. Also, participants were encouraged to contribute poster presentations, which further enriched the exchange of knowledge and experience during the conference.

Certainly, the Final Conference of CLARIFY represented a valuable opportunity to present the project's results, which have been already disseminated in over **20 journal articles** published in high-impact journals, **more than 30 conference papers**, and have given rise to **3 databases**: a Spitzoid Melanocytic Lesion database, publicly available; a Triple Negative Breast Cancer database, available upon request; and a High-risk Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer Ladder private database.

Overall, this event marked the culmination of the project and helped establish its legacy, ensuring recognition of the resulting achievements and laying the foundation for future steps.

Undoubtedly, the achievements of an investigation are the result of the combined effort of each individual!



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