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### Press release

## FTAL Conference 2018: a great success

*Manno, 19 October 2018 – The conference organised by the Association of Swiss Schools of Engineering, Architecture and Life Sciences (FTAL) was held on 18 and 19 October in Ticino at the Lugano Convention Center. The event involved academics and industrial partners in a discussion on the topic “Industrial Applied Data Science”*

Hosted by the Department of Innovative Technologies of the Swiss University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI), the FTAL conference 2018 involved approximately 115 researchers, 70 master students and 20 industry partners from Switzerland.

The main goal of the conference was the strengthening of the cooperation between the Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences in order to develop a solid network in both the education and the applied research field. The participants had the opportunity to take part to the plenary sessions and workshops focused on different macro-areas: Industry, Production and Logistics; Energy and Environment; Life Science and Healthcare; Finance, E-Commerce and Block-chain.

The Scientific committee, chaired by **Luca Maria Gambardella** (Director of the Dalle Molle Institute for Artificial Intelligence SUPSI-USI), gave the prize “Best poster award” to **Elvis Murina, Oliver Dürr, Vasily Tolkachev** and **Beate Sick** from ZHAW for the project “**Are you serious? Probabilistic Modelling in Deep Neural Networks**”. The winner said: “We are honoured to receive this prize for our project. The FTAL conference is a great event with a lot of interesting talks and discussions about important topics such as data science and machine learning. It was nice to spend these two days in Lugano with the opportunity to discuss and share knowledge with the colleagues from the other Swiss UAS”.

Students and researchers had the opportunity to interact and discuss possible collaborations between the different schools and research institutes. **Jean-Nicolas Aebischer**, Director of the School of Engineering and Architecture Fribourg, stated: “It is an excellent idea to give the MSE students the opportunity to show what they are working on. It gives them a possibility to foster the community among themselves. The organization from the scientific program (the keynotes were very inspiring and the contributions from the students showed their level of expertise) to the venue and the catering was perfect. This is something that has to be repeated and carried on.

Pictures of the event are available [here](#).

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