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Mouse4all selected as winner in 2017 UN World Summit Awards (WSA)

- **Mouse4all from Spain has been awarded for world´s best Inclusion & Empowerment digital innovation with social impact.**

- **It consists of an accessibility solution aimed at the millions of people with physical disabilities that cannot use the touch screen of tablets and smartphones.**

27 November 2017- Mouse4all has been selected as winner in 2017 World Summit Awards (WSA) for world´s best Inclusion & Empowerment digital innovation with impact on society. This year WSA has presented a master list of 40 winners selected from over 400 nominations from 180 countries.

These awards are a global initiative within the framework of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society, selecting and promoting local digital innovation with high impact on society. WSA is the only Information and Communication Technology (ICT) event worldwide.

WSA present a global specter of change making projects ranging from big data for tourism to organ 3D printing, from a job-platform focusing on female tech talent to empowering smallholder farms. According to the organization, "no matter what the technology, it's the unique content that makes this top 40 exceptional".

Mouse4all is an assistive technology which enables people with severe physical disabilities to access an Android tablet or smartphone without touching the screen. It consists of a combination of hardware (connectivity box) and software (Android app). The box allows the connection of the standard alternative input devices that the users require: switches, adapted mouse, trackball or joystick.

This innovation was launched commercially in Spain last July. It has already changed the lives of our users, who for the very first time have been able to participate in digital society, improving their autonomy, privacy and self-esteem.

According to José Angel Jiménez, co-founder of Mouse4all, "we came up with the idea when we realized that the digital revolution had left behind millions of people who cannot use a touch screen due to cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, neuromuscular diseases or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)".

Javier Montaner, co-founder of Mouse4all, commented: "We are grateful and proud in being winners of the 2017 WSA. It gives us an international dimension which is highly important in order to solve a global problem experienced by persons with disabilities worldwide".

"With the WSA we recognize innovation of tomorrow already today. This year's winners are an excellent selection of this momentum, matching local solutions to local needs, with global relevance. WSA highlights the diversity and excellence in digital content with impact on society", WSA Chairman Peter A. Bruck states.

The WSA winners were selected by a Jury of 20 international ICT experts in two democratic rounds. Each UN Member State is eligible to nominate one product per category for the World Summit Award. This way any nomination results from a national pre-selection prior to the international WSA Jury. Mouse4all candidature was submitted by Dr. Andreu Vèa, technologist and entrepreneur known internationally as "the Internet biographer".

Mouse4all will present its innovation and be honoured with the World Summit Award in the Inclusion & Empowerment category in front of UN representatives, ICT ministries and the private sector at the World Summit Global Congress in Vienna next march 2018.

Meet all the 2017 WSA winners: www.worldsummitawards.org/wsa-awards/winners/

About Mouse4all

Mouse4all has been designed and developed by two Spanish engineers, José Angel Jiménez and Javier Montaner, cofounders of Mouse4all SL. It is a social start-up which aims to use technology "to make the world a bit better".

The product has been validated with all key stakeholders: end-users, families, therapists, associations, daycare centers and public administration. Mouse4all has also been included in the Catalogue of Assistive Technologies managed by CEAPAT (Spanish Reference Center for Assistive Technology).

On top of the WSA prize, Mouse4all has also won the Innovation Award (2016) of Vodafone Foundation and has been recognized by the European Commission as one of the ten finalists of the European Social Innovation Competition (2017).

About Andreu Veà i Baró

Dr. Andreu Veà i Baró is an engineer, Internet Pioneer and entrepreneur in the telecommunications sector and, currently, the President of the Spanish chapter of the Internet Society.

He is a technologist known internationally as "the Internet biographer" because of his research and publications about the Internet history and its creators.

He has been appointed as Digital Champion for Spain in late 2014. Digital Champions are ambassadors for the Digital Agenda, appointed by their Members States and report to the European Commission. He has been elected as Eminent Expert for Spain on the Grand Jury at the UNESCO World Summit Awards.

For more information on Mouse4all:
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