CYBATHLON – Moving People and Technology to Foster a World Without Barriers for the People with Disabilities

CYBATHLON, a not-for-profit project of ETH Zurich, is a platform that challenges teams worldwide to develop assistive technologies suitable for everyday use with and for people with disabilities. Teams take part in eight disciplines, united by a common goal – to enhance assistance systems for everyday use and promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in society. Through international competitions and other events, CYBATHLON cultivates and fosters a dialogue between technology developers, people with disabilities and the public for greater inclusion of people with disabilities in society.

CYBATHLON was initiated in 2013 by Robert Riener, Professor at the Sensory-Motor Systems at ETH Zurich. The first competition took place in 2016, with 66 pilots from 25 nations competing in six disciplines in the sold-out SWISS Arena in Zurich. People with disabilities, universities, industry and NGOs all worked hand in hand. Due to the pandemic, the second CYBATHLON in 2020 took place in a new, virtual format. 51 teams from 20 countries competed in their home hubs in different time zones.

The third edition of the international CYBATHLON competition is set to take place in October 2024. For the first time, this edition will include two new disciplines – Assistance Robot Race and Vision Assistance Race.

You can find further information at: https://cybathlon.ethz.ch/en