THE WEB CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES THE EVENT’S SCHEDULE:
FROM APRIL 23 TO 27, 2018 AT THE
CONVENTION CENTER OF LYON

The Université de Lyon will host the 27th edition of the prestigious world wide web conference from April 23 to April 27, 2018: The Web Conference (formerly known as WWW) will take place at the Convention Center of Lyon.

The objective of The Web Conference, at a global level, is to create exchanges and discussions around web standards and developments and associated technologies, as well as around the impacts of these technologies on society and culture.

For five days, Lyon will be the world wide web territory for a moment of high-level exchanges, with nearly 2,500 experts from 67 countries around the topic: “Bridging natural and artificial intelligence worldwide”.

On top of the main program will be featured many highlights, including an exhibition and living space with demos and posters, collocated and integrated conferences on web accessibility, web and health interactions, the use of big data, and Digital Summ’R, the first European BtoB event dedicated to the performance and innovation of SMEs and midcaps in the software and digital services industries.

The Métropole de Lyon, a major institutional partner, will actively contribute in enriching the content of The Web Conference with, among other things, three sessions held on Friday, April 27 on: neurosciences and the web; personal data on the web; and new communication protocols between smart connected objects.

The Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, as a digital leader, has set a clear goal: to become the “European Silicon Valley”. As a major institutional partner of The Web Conference, the region will host various sessions throughout the event, starting with the welcome reception on Tuesday, April 24, which will take place at the Hôtel de Région.

Highlights of The Web Conference

Monday, April 23, 2018

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
9am – 6pm: workshops, tutorials, Big Web, Web4All, Digital Health.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
8:15am – 10:20am: official opening with the presence of the co-organizers and institutional partners;
Plenary opening keynote session: “The Good Web – Some Challenges and Strategies to Realize It” by Luciano Floridi, Professor of Philosophy and Ethics of Information at the University of Oxford (United Kingdom);
10:20am – 5pm: posters, demos, research and alternative tracks sessions, Digital Health.

Thursday, April 26, 2018
8:15am – 10:20am: plenary keynote session: “Conversational AI for Interacting with Digital and
**Physical World** by Ruhi Sarikaya, Director of Applied Science at Amazon Alexa;

**Round table moderated by Professor Dame Wendy Hall**, President of IW3C2 and Regius Professor of Computer Science at the University of Southampton, (United Kingdom), “AI and the Future of the Web and the Internet”, including:

- **Sir Tim Berners-Lee**, Founder and Director of the World Wide Web Consortium;
- **Antoine Bordes**, Director of the European Center of Facebook Artificial Intelligence Research (FAIR);
- **Vinton Cerf**, Vice-President of Google;
- **Ruhi Sarikaya**, Director of Applied Science at Amazon-Alexa;
- **Dr. Kira Radinsky**, Director of Data Science, eBay and Visiting Professor, Technion;

**Conclusion** by Mounir Mahjoubi, Secretary of State to the Prime Minister in charge of digital affairs.

10:20am – 6pm: posters, demos, research and alternative track sessions, Digital Health, Digital Sum'R, Job Fair.

**Friday, April 27, 2018**


**Round table moderated by Mary Ellen Zurko**, Cyber Security Engineer at MIT Lincoln Laboratory (United States), “Privacy and Security, Remaining Challenges for the Web”, including:

- **Lorrie Faith Cranor** Professor of Computer Science and of Engineering and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University;
- **Éric Leandri**, Founder and CEO of Qwant.

10:20am – 5pm: posters, demos, research and alternative tracks sessions;

3:40pm – 5pm: Declaration of Robert Cailliau, founder of The Web Conference Series and IW3C2 (Belgium);

Closing ceremony.