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**Multimodal Speech Apps Showcased at
SpeechTEK Europe**

Leading speech technology forum, SpeechTEK Europe, is to showcase newly-developed multimodal speech applications at its London conference and Expo this May (25 & 26 May, Copthorne Tara Hotel, London).

Conference Chairman, Jim Larson, explains

   "*At SpeechTEK Europe this year, we've developed the Multimodal Challenge and are seeking innovative new multimodal applications that use speech technologies to promote at this year's event. Anyone who has developed a multimodal speech application is invited to enter the Multimodal Challenge and, if selected, you'll create a two-minute video of your deployed multimodal application on YouTube which we'll promote.*

   "We've invited a team of user experience experts to evaluate the entries and award prizes based on originality, usability, and quality. In addition, SpeechTEK Europe conference attendees will vote for the best multimodal application during the event in London this May, and winners will be announced at the close of SpeechTEK Europe. It's excellent publicity and a great way of showcasing your ideas to a wide audience of buyers and users."

The first two Multimodal Challenge entrants have recently uploaded their YouTube videos.

The **Personal Health Assistant** from **Openstream Inc** (www.openstream.com) is a smart multimodal mobile application that provides the ability to create and update personal health records using convenient multimodal interfaces. The application combines reminder and alerting services with location-based searches, maps and directions, image/video capture and annotation, and group-share of selective information securely. The application acts as a health-passport for individuals with information on allergies, drug-interactions and wellness monitoring. Watch the Openstream Multimodal Challenge video.

SafeRise from **FST21 Ltd** (www.fst21.com) is an intelligent multimodal recognition system used for automated real-time authentication processes. The system enables biometric recognition based on face, voice and behavioural patterns, correlated with real-time live information and database cross quarries. SafeRise provides easy and convenient access to authorised tenants and approved visitors while maintaining the highest level of security. Watch the SafeRise Multimodal Challenge video.

Entries for the Multimodal Challenge close on 7 April and information on submissions is available at http://www.speechtek.com/europe2011/CallForSpeakers/

SpeechTEK Europe comprises two full days of conference sessions, parallel Expo, a pre-conference day of hands-on workshops, panel discussions, case studies, and a brand new 'Consultants Clinic' – the opportunity for attendees to meet one-to-one with industry experts to discuss their speech needs or problems. The event is supported by a programme of networking opportunities, social and industry events. Organised by leading conference and publishing house, Information Today, this sister event of the highly successful SpeechTEK event series in New York, SpeechTEK Europe launched in London last year to an enthusiastic reception from the European speech tech industry, which has been lobbying for a single forum for developers, producers and users for some time.

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About SpeechTEK
Launched in the US in 1995, the SpeechTEK event series (www.speechtek.com) is recognised worldwide as the industry's premier event focusing on products, services, applications, solutions, and innovations using speech technologies. The trade show and conference attracts a global network of speech technology providers and enterprise network customers who develop and implement speech solutions. The 2011 US SpeechTEK takes place on 8 – 10 August at the Hilton New York.

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