Devices are getting smaller, and more of them are now wearable. As with many technologies that have come before, wearable devices present opportunities for improving accessibility for people with and without disabilities, but also present accessibility challenges in ensuring that people are able to equally benefit from them regardless of disability, context or situation. Acknowledging the importance of this topic, the theme of the 12th International Web for All Conference (Florence, May 18-20) is “The Wearable Web”.

The annual panel is open to all WWW and W4A attendees. This year’s topic will be “Accessibility of Wearable Technologies”. Panel members will include:

Eve Anderson, accessibility manager from Google
Ted Drake, accessibility manager from Intuit
Dr. Sang Mook Lee, Korea
Lorenzo Chiari, University of Bologna, Italy
Kevin Carey, RNIB, UK

Keynote speakers. Lorenzo Chiari (University of Bologna) will talk about “Sense and sensibility: smartphones and wearable technologies to support seniors” and Kevin Carey (Chair of the Royal National Institute of Blind People), will present the William Loughborough after-dinner speech, entitled Riches Beyond Measure: a New Frontier in Web Accessibility.

HIGHLIGHTS