



INESC Capable-ID

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Welcome to the 13th edition of INESC Capable-ID, the official newsletter of INESC-ID. Building presence isn't only about research, but being in the right room at the right time. In this issue, we mark that presence in many places: the world's largest logic conference hosted in Lisbon, two fresh seats at Europe's AI policy table, and an emerging consortium learning to predict cancer's weak points. We also held our second Distinguished Lecture of the year, welcomed a visit from our Advisory Board, and celebrated a new voice elected to the Lisbon Academy of Sciences. Different rooms, same team.

Spotlight



Floc 2026: A record-breaking edition of the world's biggest logic conference, hosted in Lisbon

For two weeks in July, Lisbon hosted the world's largest gathering of conferences in logic and its applications. FLoC 2026 brought together over 2100 participants from 70 countries, a new record for the event. Co-organised by INESC-ID and Instituto Superior Técnico, this marked the first time FLoC was held in Portugal, the culmination of almost four years of preparation, with Nuno Lopes serving as Organisation Chair.

Research Highlights



INESC-ID joins PRECISE, a pan-European initiative to predict cancer vulnerabilities

INESC-ID has joined PRECISE, a new pan-European initiative aiming to predict, rather than simply catalogue, the vulnerabilities that make cancer cells treatable. Formally launched with a commentary in *Nature Genetics*, the consortium brings together more than 30 research groups from nine countries. INESC-ID's participation, led by researcher Emanuel Gonçalves, will help develop AI/ML models to explore new combinatorial treatments and improve those models through iterative prediction-validation loops.

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Meetings and Lectures

“Evaluating ML: When will we stop fooling ourselves?”: INESC-ID Distinguished Lecture with Professor Ricardo Baeza-Yates

The second INESC-ID Distinguished Lecture of the year welcomed Professor Ricardo Baeza-Yates (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Universitat Pompeu Fabra) to examine the limits of how Machine Learning is evaluated. He argued that relying on average success measures like accuracy can be misleading and optimising for it can fail to reduce critical mistakes.

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Institutional Partnerships



INESC-ID joins ADRA and AISHA to help shape Europe's AI, Data and Robotics agenda

INESC-ID has joined two pan-European AI initiatives: ADRA, the private-sector voice within Horizon Europe's flagship AI, Data and Robotics partnership, working to secure European autonomy and research excellence in these fields; and AISHA, a Digital Europe Programme project building a continent-wide ecosystem of Generative AI and advanced AI skills.

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Institutional Visits



INESC-ID Advisory Board returns for a day of dialogue

On 3 July, INESC-ID welcomed members of its Advisory Board for its first on-site visit since November 2022, chaired by Professor Srinivas Devadas (MIT). The programme spotlighted two

of the institute's newest initiatives, SAIL and the Energy Dream Lab, alongside presentations from every research area. The Board reflected on an unprecedented moment for AI research, and the opportunity for the institute's research to make a strong impact.

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In the Media

In the Media: Ana Teresa Freitas writes for ECO on the role of AI in biomedical data and health research

In 2019, a genetic test labelled six-year-old Sofia's symptoms as having "no clinical significance". Five years later, as research advanced, that same result reached a different conclusion. For Ana Teresa Freitas, coordinator of INESC-ID's Life and Health Technology thematic line, it's why biomedical data used to train AI models in healthcare need constant curation, and why investing in its safe sharing through federated exchange is determinant.

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Awards and Recognitions



Ana Paiva Elected to Lisbon Academy of Sciences

Ana Paiva, INESC-ID researcher in Artificial Intelligence for People and Society, has been elected a corresponding member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences, joining its 8th Section – Information Sciences and Technologies. Her election marks the fourth consecutive year an INESC-ID researcher has joined the Academy, following Isabel Trancoso (2025), Arlindo Oliveira (2024) and José Borbinha (2023), highlighting a sustained presence in one of Portugal's oldest scientific institutions.

Reaching Out



INESC-ID at Encontro Ciência e Inovação 2026

INESC-ID marked a strong presence at Encontro Ciência e Inovação 2026, Portugal's largest annual event dedicated to science and innovation. Highlights from our researchers included the first public presentation of SAIL's six-year roadmap, alongside sessions and demos spanning international partnerships, life and health technologies, and human language technologies.

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A Growing Team and Renewed Energy: INESC-ID at Tejo Run 2026

The INESC-ID team returned for its second Tejo Run, with an even larger group than in last year's debut. This year brought a new best for the institute, with the fastest runner finishing in 45 minutes and surpassing last year's record. The rest of the team crossed the finish line at their own pace, but together in team spirit.

People of INESC-ID

Rubén Solera-Ureña

Continuing his research in automatic speech recognition brought Rubén from Madrid to our corner of the peninsula and to INESC-ID, where he doubles as Executive Coordinator of Social Digital Transformation. His work applies speech and audio processing to diagnostics, from COVID-19 to neurodegenerative diseases. When asked about a particularly fulfilling part of his day, the answer is immediate: processing data, turning it over and seeing what else is there. “It’s with data that you build the castle above”. Won over by the landscape, Rubén rarely misses a walk along the riverside, and hopes to soon bring his camera along.



Rita Baião

From Biomedical Engineering to a PhD in Computer Science and Engineering, Rita works with machine learning models to identify biomarkers for different types of cancer, enjoying looking beyond the data as much as getting high accuracy. Teaching comes as second nature to her. With a knack for sharing knowledge accessibly and interact with students, she often feels she learns a lot herself. In her free time, Rita enjoys CrossFit, a good hike in nature and spending time at the beach. With a soft spot for Brazilian culture, many of her recent reads have been by Brazilian authors, but she appreciates any book that offers a compelling portrait of social constructs.



We Recommend

Amadora BD Festival 2026

From 15 to 25 October, the Amadora BD festival returns for its 37th edition, taking over Parque da Liberdade, the Bedeteca da Amadora and the Galeria Municipal Artur Bual with fourteen exhibitions, and blowing out the candles for the 80th anniversaries of the beloved classics Lucky Luke and Blake & Mortimer. Also new this year, an Artist Alley for independent creators, and doubled prize money for the festival's top comics award. In parallel, this year's youth comic contest is dedicated to the theme "fighting bullying, promoting inclusion." All welcome, from kids to grown-ups.

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