

TOTH 2026 successfully concludes its Training and International Conference in Chambéry

The **TOTH 2026, Terminology & Ontology: Theories and Applications International Conference and Training Session**, successfully concluded after four days of training, scientific presentations, discussion, and interdisciplinary exchange. TOTH 2026 took place onsite and online from **June 2 to 5, 2026**, at **Université Savoie Mont-Blanc**, France. The event was organized by the **University of Crete's TALOS Lab in AI4SSH**.

TOTH 2026 opened with the two-day training session **“Bringing Artificial Intelligence to Terminology: A Step-by-Step Project Approach”**, held on **June 2 and 3, 2026**. The training brought together **70 participants from 19 countries and 5 continents**: Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and Oceania.



Led by **Dr Silvia Piccini**, Research Director at the Italian National Research Council, **Prof. Christophe Roche**, University of Crete, TALOS-AI4SSH and University Savoie Mont Blanc, and **Assistant Professor Maria Papadopoulou**, University of Crete, TALOS-AI4SSH, the training introduced participants to the use of Artificial Intelligence in terminology work. It focused on NLP, Generative AI, ontologies, knowledge graphs, and relevant ISO and W3C standards. Through practical exercises and a step-by-step project workflow, participants explored how AI-assisted methods can support corpus processing, term candidate extraction, conceptual modelling, and the publication of structured digital terminologies.

The TOTH 2026 Conference followed on **June 4 and 5, 2026**, bringing together **92 participants**, including presenters and attendees, from **18 countries and 4 continents**: Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America.

For the conference, **45 submissions from 19 countries** were received for **23 presentation slots**. Of these submissions, **73.3% received strictly positive evaluations**, reflecting the high quality of the contributions and making the selection process particularly demanding.



The conference opened with the talk **“On the 20th Anniversary of the TOTH Conference”** by **Danielle Candel**, CNRS, Université Paris Cité, “Histoire des Théories Linguistiques”. A highlight of TOTH 2026 was the awarding of the **Young Researcher Prize** to **Giuliana Elizabeth Vilela Ruiz**, PhD candidate in the Department of Philology at the **University of Crete**, for her paper entitled **“Representing Zoological Knowledge through Ontoterminology in the Rerum Medicarum Novae Hispaniae Thesaurus.”**



On **Saturday morning**, following the conference, a **guided visit of Chambéry** took place, allowing participants to discover the city and continue informal discussions after the scientific programme.



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The TOTh 2026 Organizing Committee warmly thanks all participants, presenters, members of the Programme Committee, supporting institutions, and partners for their contribution to the success of this year's edition. Their engagement, questions, presentations, and collaborative spirit made TOTh 2026 a fruitful international meeting point for researchers, professionals, and students working at the intersection of terminology, ontology, and artificial intelligence.

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