



IPCA — Intelligent Physiological Navigation and Control of web-based Applications

IPCA is a project co-financed by the Information Society Technologies Programme of the **European Commission** (IST-2001-37370; Key Action 1, Action Line IST2002-1.2.1 «Systems for independent living»).

The IPCA project aims to develop a new intelligent interaction mechanism that will enable people with severe motor and speech disabilities to control standard, and especially web-based, applications. The system will be based on a flexible combination of existing non-invasive sensors and encoders able to control different physiological parameters, and a set of software tools that will allow the user to interact with existing computer applications. IPCA will facilitate user interaction with different Internet applications and services.

IPCA has two components:

- **Multi-channel Monitoring System (MMS)**, based on non-invasive sensors able to control several physiological parameters from the user such as: EMG, EDR, accelerometers, RR/RA, etc.
- **Ambient Navigation Toolkit (ANT)** that will interface between the MMS and some standard software applications, by providing keyboard and/or mouse emulation functions. Its components are:
 - ✓ Smart Web Browser that will facilitate user interaction with Internet services
 - ✓ Training system
 - ✓ Personal profile manager
 - ✓ On-screen keyboard with scanning and word prediction capabilities
 - ✓ Emotional Response Monitoring System

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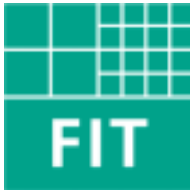
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The main **target user group** for the IPCA project is people with severe physical and/or speech impairments.

Project Partners



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