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Data Science versus Fake received, on June 6th 2019, a special mention award

Data science vs Fake initiated by Universcience and produced by Escalenta, received a special mention as a part of the Mariano Gago Awards during opening the 30th annual conference of European Network of Science Centers and Museums, ECSITE in Copenhagen, Denmark, on June 6th 2019.

Design to tackle rumours and common belief, Data Science versus Fake is a web serie which deconstructs, based on scientific evidence, fakes news and wrong information in the field of science which multiply over the networks. This collection of 20 animated episodes has been produced by Escalenta and realized by Pascal Goblot, coproduced by Universcience, Ministry of higher education, research and innovation, Arte tv, France tv Education, IRD and INSERM. The first edition of this Web serie was launched by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation and webcasted by the internet site: *www.fetedelascience.fr.* Today, Data Science vs Fake is webcasted by the blob.fr, Universcience french web tv : the blob.fr

The winners of the 2019 Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards have been announced at the Opening Ceremony of the Ecsite Conference in Copenhagen on 6 June (9.45-11.00) by Sharon Ament, Chairperson of the Jury and Director of the Museum of London.

• Created in 2015, the Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards encourage creative and impactful work within the informal science education sector. The awards are named after José Mariano Gago (1948 - 2015), a key figure of European science engagement. He was a founder of the Portuguese Ciência Viva network of science centres and an active contributor to Ecsite activities over the years. Open to all Ecsite members, they provide an incentive and reward whose prestige contributes to the development of excellence in science engagement.

• ECSITE

Ecsite gathers more than 350 organisations committed to inspiring people with science and technology and enabling dialogue between science and society.

Ecsite was founded in January 1989 by 23 organisations from the young European science centres scene as The french Cité des sciences et de l'industrie. Over the past 30 years, the association has grown considerably in size and scope, adapting to its members' changing social role and organisational needs.

• ECSITE BOARD

The European dimension of the Ecsite network is reflected in the composition of its governing body and advisory structures, where more than 10 European nationalities are represented at any given time.

The 2019 edition of the Ecsite Conference is hosted by Experimentarium in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 6 to 8 June. This is the 30th edition of the conference with the theme: Pushing boundaries





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