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Paul Walton reflects on an interdisciplinary stay at Digital Futures

As his time as Scholar-in-Residence at Digital Futures comes to an end, Professor Paul Walton looks back on a period of research exchange, new connections and discussions about how science can become more interdisciplinary and inclusive...

Connecting chemistry and AI



A summer of research and exchange: Steffen Leonhardt at Digital Futures

This summer, Professor Steffen Leonhardt from RWTH Aachen University joined Digital Futures as a Scholar-in-Residence hosted by Seraïna Dual, Associate Professor at KTH and Digital Futures faculty member. During his stay at KTH, he contributed to research, teaching and knowledge exchange, while developing new connections with researchers working across biomedical engineering, digital health and intelligent systems...

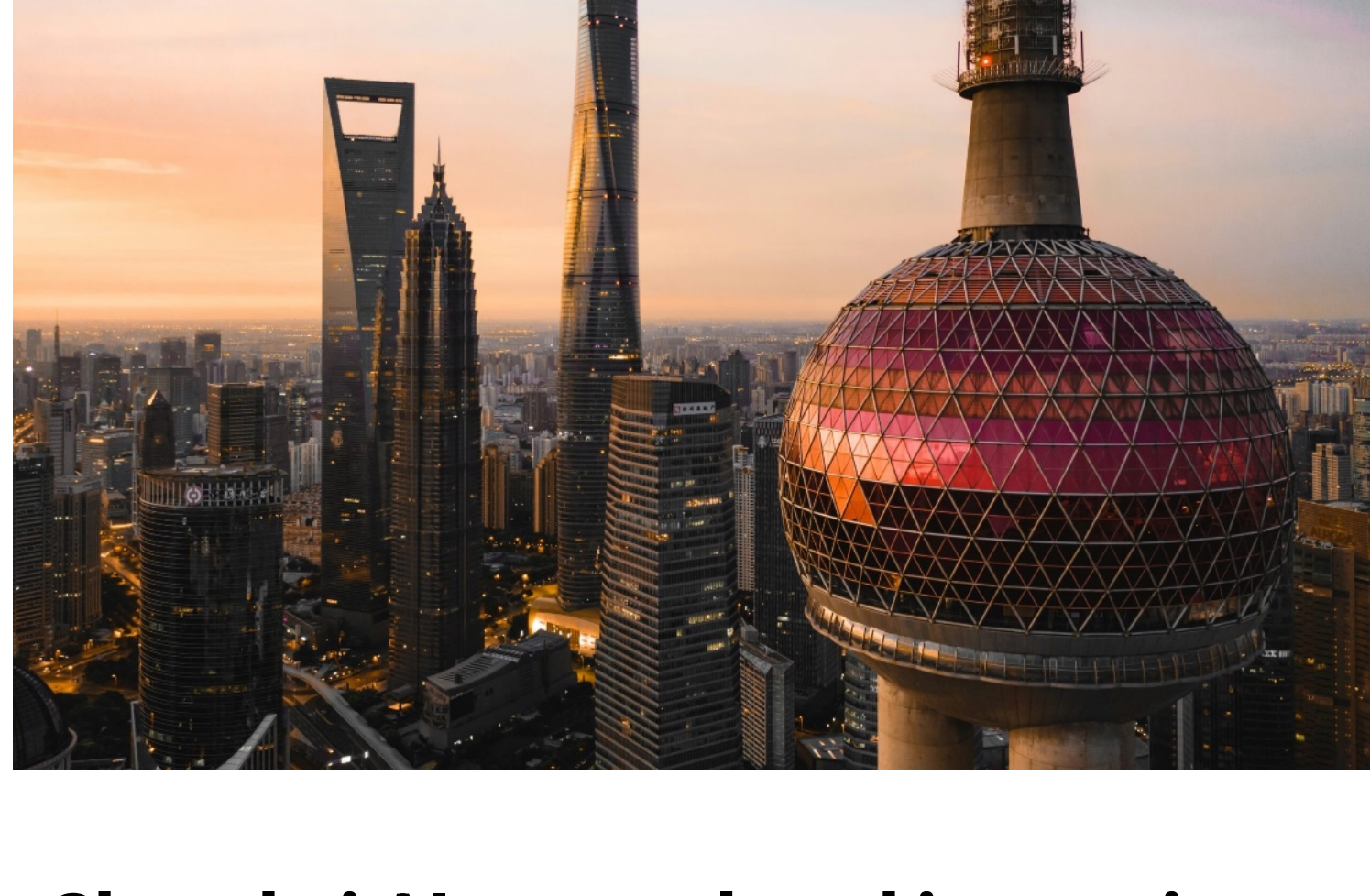
An exchange beyond research



WASP secures continued funding through 2034

Initiatives in AI for science, foundation models, and the recruitment of international researchers are central to the program's direction going forward, says Amy Louth, Program Director of WASP.

WASP continued funding



Shanghai AI research and innovation delegation visits Digital Futures

On 15 September, Digital Futures welcomed a delegation from the Shanghai Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (SAIRI) and the UNIDO Global AI Alliance Centre of Excellence (AIM Global CoE) as part of an international knowledge exchange programme in Sweden...

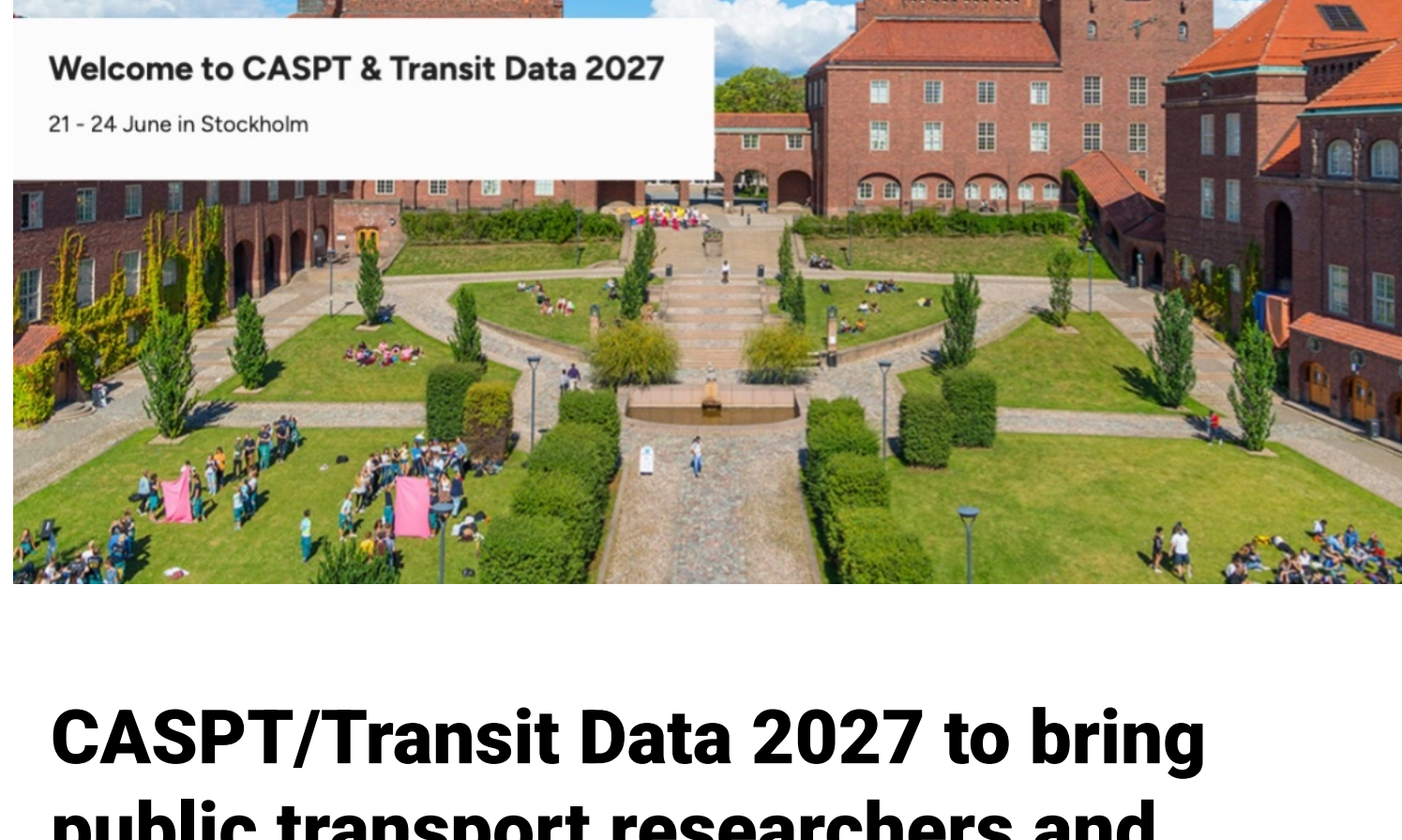
Exploring opportunities for collaboration



Swiss Federal Communications Commission visits Digital Futures

On 10 September, Digital Futures welcomed a delegation from the Swiss Federal Communications Commission (ComCom) for a morning of presentations and discussions on digitalisation, research and innovation in Sweden and Switzerland...

ComCom visits Digital Futures



CASPT/Transit Data 2027 to bring public transport researchers and practitioners to Stockholm: Call for papers – submit by 16 October

From 21–24 June 2027, Stockholm will host the 17th International Conference on Advanced Systems in Public Transport (CASPT2027) at KTH Royal Institute of Technology.

The conference is co-sponsored by Digital Futures, and will be held together with the 12th International Workshop and Symposium on Research and Applications on the Use of Passive Data from Public Transport (TRANSIT DATA)...

CASPT/Transit Data 2027 - call for papers



Exploring AI for healthcare and society: KI master's students visit Digital Futures

Led by Elham Rostami, Director of HumanLab at Karolinska Institutet, a group of master's students visited Digital Futures on 4 September 2026 to explore how digital technologies, data, and artificial intelligence are transforming research, healthcare, and society.

The students, representing a wide range of international backgrounds, are enrolled in the Master's Programme in Translational Physiology and Pharmacology and are currently taking the elective course AI for Clinical and Biomedical Applications (Artificial Intelligence for Clinical and Biomedical Applications, 4.0 Credits | Karolinska Institutet...

Exploring AI for healthcare and society



From KTH to the racetrack: Filippo takes autonomous racing to the next level at UC Berkeley

What happens when you combine a high-performance race car, artificial intelligence and students from some of the world's leading universities? The answer can be seen in the Indy Autonomous Challenge (IAC) 2026, where university teams develop the technology that allows race cars to drive autonomously at extreme speeds...

From algorithms to the racetrack



Gia Destouni elected Fellow of the International Academy of Artificial Intelligence Sciences

"I am honoured to be elected a Fellow of the International Academy of Artificial Intelligence Sciences. I see this as recognition of the growing importance of combining AI and digital technologies with knowledge from environmental and Earth sciences to address complex societal challenges," says Gia Destouni.

Gia Destouni elected Fellow



Angela Fontan and Karl H. Johansson receive IFAC Foundation Kwon Award

Digital Futures researchers and faculty members Angela Fontan and Karl H. Johansson (KTH Royal Institute of Technology), together with Patricia Eustachio Colombo and Rosemary Green (The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine), have received the 2026 IFAC Foundation Kwon Award for their paper "A Systems Perspective on Promoting Sustainable Food Systems".

The award was presented during the IFAC World Congress 2026 in Busan, South Korea, held 23–28 August...

IFAC Foundation Kwon Award



Open calls

- Digital Futures Call for Support Funding for ERC grants - a recurring call
- ISPP Mobility Grants - applications are accepted on a rolling basis

All Open Calls announced by Digital Futures



Open calls for Mobility

Digital Futures fosters collaboration and innovation through dynamic programs and initiatives. Discover opportunities for academia-industry exchanges, fellowship programs, cross-disciplinary postdoc positions, and talent scouting efforts.

- Up to ten postdoc fellows in technologies for digital transformation. Pre-registration deadline 2 October 2026.
- Scholar-in-Residence programme. This is a recurring call with applications every three months. Next deadline 16 March 2027.

Open calls for mobility

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