

Press Release

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HandArtist: Let Your Gestures Speak, AI Creates Your Artwork!

The Idiap Research Institute will be present at the Innothèque during the 2026 Foire du Valais, featuring a unique demonstration: HandArtist, an AI-powered experience that recognizes your gestures and transforms them into works of art.

From October 2 to 11, at the Innothèque area, the Idiap Research Institute — which has been based in Martigny for 35 years — will present a creative robotics demonstration. Visitors will be able to discover HandArtist, an AI-powered demonstration that interprets their movements in real time, transforming their gestures into unique artistic creations displayed on screen.

Today, artificial intelligence (AI) is widely used in many fields actively researched at Idiap, including speech recognition and assistive robotics, to name just a few. The creative sector is also increasingly benefiting from AI, not only helping to streamline production but also enabling experimentation with new forms of artistic expression.

Throughout the fair, visitors will be invited to unleash their creativity through this fascinating interactive experience, where their hand becomes an invisible paintbrush. They will then be able to print their creation and take home a unique, personalized souvenir of the experience.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to meet Idiap researchers and staff and discover the latest advances in artificial intelligence.

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About

The **Idiap research Institute**, based in Martigny, Switzerland, is an independent and leading institute for artificial intelligence research. Founded in 1991, Idiap has developed expertise in machine learning, human-centered AI, digital security, speech and audio processing, energy informatics, health and genomics, and NLP. The institute also actively collaborates with industry and participates in national and international projects to drive innovation in AI.

Since 2022, the **Innothèque area** has been a major showcase for innovation at the *Foire du Valais*. It was born from a collaboration between the *Foire du Valais* and CimArk SA. This 1,000 m² space showcases new technologies and innovative ideas from Valais and French-speaking Switzerland. Attracting roughly 230,000 visitors, the Innothèque features demonstrations and conferences focused on innovation and includes a dedicated co-working space.