World Academy for Artificial Consciousness(WAAC) Officially Established in Paris

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In April 2025, the World Academy for Artificial Consciousness (WAAC) was inaugurated in Paris, France. This international, interdisciplinary frontier scientific institution was jointly initiated by four organizations: the World Association for Artificial Consciousness (headquartered in the UK), the World Conference on Artificial Consciousness (headquartered in the US), the Active Medicine Committee of the World Association for Artificial Consciousness (with its presidium based in China), and the International DIKWP White-Box Evaluation Standardization Committee of the World Association for Artificial Consciousness (currently chaired by Singapore on a rotating basis).

The WAAC aims to advance global theoretical innovation, technological development, and practical applications in artificial consciousness. It seeks to foster interdisciplinary research, explore the evolution of artificial intelligence toward self-awareness and subjective experience, and establish an open, rigorous international academic exchange platform.

The inaugural president is Duan Yucong, a renowned pioneer of artificial consciousness and the DIKWP theory, who also serves as Chairman of the World Association for Artificial Consciousness and President of the World Conference on Artificial Consciousness. In his opening address, he stated, "The establishment of the Academy marks a new era in global artificial consciousness research. Through international collaboration, we will systematically advance cutting-edge exploration in this field to achieve a harmonious interaction between technology and ethics."

During the launch ceremony, the Academy announced its first cohort of 100 honorary fellows, including historical and contemporary luminaries who have made exceptional contributions to artificial consciousness theory and technology, such as Alan Turing, John von Neumann, Bernard Baars, and Giulio Tononi.

Moving forward, the WAAC plans to host regular international conferences, establish dedicated research funds, publish white papers on artificial consciousness, and develop global evaluation standards. These initiatives aim to deepen the application of artificial consciousness technologies in healthcare, education, ethics,

and social governance, propelling humanity into a new era of synergistic evolution with artificial intelligence.

The founding ceremony attracted representatives from academia, industry, governments, and international organizations worldwide, collectively witnessing this historic milestone in the field of artificial consciousness.