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For the second time, [ThunderChip](#), the student team from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya · Barcelona Tech (UPC), has been named 'Fan Favorite' in the ISC-HPCAC Student Cluster Competition. This award is given to the team which receives the most unique votes from ISC participants during the Student Cluster Competition.

This is the second time the UPC team won this award and the third time that the team competed in the ISC-HPCAC Student Cluster Competition during this week's ISC17 conference. The purpose of this friendly and spirited competition is to introduce the next generation of students to the HPC community and its technology. The Spanish team from UPC took part with a total of 12 student teams in real time over a three-day period. This year's Spanish team was formed by the following UPC students: [Fabio Banchelli](#), [Victor Anton](#), [Antoni Navarro](#), [Ferran Pallares](#), [Marc Benito](#) and [Carles Garriga](#) together with the two advisors [Dani Ruiz](#) and [Filippo Mantovani](#). The team was sponsored by [E4 Computer Engineering](#) and [Cavium](#) that have provided the ARM-based cluster, together with [ARM](#) and [Mont-Blanc project](#) that supported the HPC education of the team, and finally with the [UPC](#) and the [Barcelona Supercomputing Center](#) (BSC) that have been the center of all the preparation activities.

"The increased interest for ARM-based HPC systems and the enthusiasm of these young students made the experience extremely exciting", said Filippo Mantovani, advisor of the UPC team and principal investigator of the Mont-Blanc project at BSC.

BSC would like to congratulate the whole team on their success.

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