

Network Action Proposal

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| Title: | Visit of Tom Froese to the SCAI Lab, Skövde |
| Membership number(s) | 4 |
| Member name(s) | Tom Ziemke |
| Member institute/company name(s) | University of Skövde |
| Goals of the action | <p>The goal of this network action is to enable a 2-month visit of Tom Froese (a doctoral student at the CCNR Centre for Computational Neuroscience & Robotics, University of Sussex, UK) to the SCAI Lab, University of Skövde, Sweden. The general aim of the visit is to establish collaboration between CCNR and SCAI Lab.</p> <p>The focus of the visit will be to establish collaboration for the development of a critical analysis and future roadmap of work on artificial consciousness from the perspective of a systemic approach to life and mind. A central aspect of Froese's DPhil studies is to clarify the relationship between empirical investigations into the synthesis of artificial autonomous systems and the theoretical foundations of a systemic understanding of life, mind, and language. Research in the SCAI Lab on the relationship between life and (artificial/machine) consciousness, is very relevant to Froese's research, and vice versa.</p> |
| Principal activity to which it contributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Community Outreach o Scientific Outlook o Education & Training | Community Outreach (Froese and the CCNR are not part of any EU Cognitive Systems consortium, whereas the SCAI Lab coordinates the CogSys IP ICEA.) |
| Concrete outcomes of the action (at least one of which should be material suitable for publication on the euCognition website) | <p>The action/visit will result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • useful international experience for Tom Froese • establishing collaboration between the SCAI Lab, Skövde, and Froese/CCNR • at least <u>one state-of-the-art-survey/position paper</u> on current work in artificial consciousness from the perspective of a systemic approach to life and mind which will be submitted for journal publication and can also be posted at the euCognition website • <u>two Cognition briefings</u> (topics to be determined) |
| Effort in person-days that will be charged to the Network Action (if any) | n/a |
| Expected start and duration in months | End of April to end of June 2007 (approx. 2 months) |
| The requested funding, under the following headings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Travel Costs o Other Costs (check with the Network Coordinator if you aren't sure about eligibility of these costs) o Labour Costs (identify the number of person-days and the rate per day). | <p>Travel costs (flights, trains, etc.): apx. <u>500 Euro</u></p> <p>Contribution to subsistence and accommodation (according to http://www.eucognition.org/exchanges.htm, corresponding to 60 days): <u>5250 Euro</u></p> <p><u>Total: 5750 Euro</u></p> |
| Please identify any other sources of funding that contribute to this Action | None. |