

Network Action Proposal

Title:	Student and Invited Speaker Support for ACII 2007 (The 2 nd International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction)
Membership number(s)	
Member name(s)	Lola Cañamero
Member institute/company name(s)	University of Hertfordshire
Goals of the action	To provide financial support to PhD students who wish to attend ACII 2007 (The 2 nd International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction), to the participation of an invited speaker (Prof. Ursula Hess, University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada) in the scope of the same conference and to the printing of the Doctoral Consortium Proceedings.
Principal activity to which it contributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Outreach ○ Scientific Outlook ○ Education & Training 	Scientific Outlook
Concrete outcomes of the action (at least one of which should be material suitable for publication on the euCognition website)	ACII is the largest international conference on Affective Computing, a field that brings together researchers from different domains such as Computer Science, Graphics Computing, Robotics, Human-Machine Communication, natural language processing, Vision, among others. It is a new field which aims at creating computational systems inspired by the way humans interact with each other, using modalities such as synthetic voice, natural language or synthetic characters. Through these technologies, we intend to create computers with the ability to interact with humans in a natural way, taking into account their cognitive and affective valences. The Proceedings of ACII 2007 will be published by LNCS Springer. The proceedings of the Doctoral Consortium will be published in a different book and we also expect to record some of the speakers' talks, all of which, subject to authorization, can be linked to the network's website
Effort in person-days that will be charged to the Network Action (if any)	None
Expected start and duration in months	12-14 September 2007
The requested funding, under the following headings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travel Costs ○ Other Costs (check with the Network Coordinator if you aren't sure about eligibility of these costs) ○ Labour Costs (identify the number of person-days and the rate per day). 	<p><u>Travel costs</u></p> <p>Funding is requested for a maximum of 10 students, 500.00€/each, totaling 5,000.00€, for the participation of an invited speaker (Prof. Ursula Hess, University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada), whose expenses would total 3,000.00€ (2,252.00€ for the plane ticket, 336.00€ for accommodation and 412.00€ for board expenses).</p> <p><u>Other Costs</u></p> <p>Funding is requested for the printing costs of the Doctoral Consortium Proceedings (2,000.00€).</p>

Please identify any other sources of funding that contribute to this Action (actions to support events such as workshop and conferences should include an outline budget identifying the total cost)

HUMAINE Network of Excellence (20,000.00€)

OUTLINE BUDGET

Expenses (in Euros)	Unit Cost	Number	Total
Rooms and Audio Visual Equipment			3,900.00
Coffee-breaks / Lunches			6,400.00
Printing / Handouts / Materials			13,200.00
Management (Travel Agency)	10	100	1,000.00
Invited Speaker Costs	3000	5	15,000.00
Insurance			500.00
Student Scholarships	500	20	10,000.00
Gala Dinner	60	100	6,000.00
			56,000.00

Income (in Euros)	Unit	Number	Total
Registrations	240	100	24,000.00
Humaine NoE	20000	1	20,000.00
euCognition (?)	10000	1	10,000.00
Other sponsorships	2,000.00	1	2,000.00
			56,000.00