Network Action Proposal

Title:	euCognition Doctoral Consortium
Membership number(s)	220
Member name(s)	Dr Samia Nefti
Member institute/company name(s)	The University of Salford
Goals of the action	Organizing Doctoral consortium **in** conjunction with 5th euCognition six-monthly meeting. The CogSys Doctoral Consortium will provide an opportunity for a group of senior Ph.D students who are studying aspects of Cognition systems, cognitive vision, etc.., to discuss and explore their research and career objectives with a panel of established researchers in the field. Additionally, it will provide the opportunity to meet and network with other doctoral students and researchers and to initiate new research projects or develop their network of research colleagues. The Consortium is limited to 10 students who will be mentored by leading academics in cognition systems, cognitive vision, cognitive robotics,.. etc. In order to attend the Consortium, students must prepare a research proposal of their work; this should not exceed 3000 words. The selection criteria for the consortium are quality of the proposal and relevance to the topic of the euCognition meeting: anticipation in cognition. The Doctoral Consortium chair will assign each submission to two full members of euCognition who will provide the relevant feedback, and will be retained if judged of an acceptable quality. **Doctoral consortium Format:** Student presentation in front of a panel of established researchers. The Doctoral Consortium will be held as a workshop on 28th June 2008, the day after the euCognition meeting. Students will present their work and get feedback from a panel of experienced researchers. Also, students will participate in a poster session held during the euCognition meeting. **Organization** The organizers of the Doctoral consortium is Dr Samia Nefti.

Principal activity to which it contributes
   o   Community Outreach
   o   Scientific Outlook
   o   Education & Training
	Community Outreach
	Education& training: and no registration fee will be charged to participants

Concrete outcomes of the action (at least one of which should be material suitable for publication on the euCognition website)	• I will provide a summary of the individual student talks at the end of the DC which will be collected and put up on the euCognition web-server. • Following the workshop, the participants will be invited to submit revised and updated papers for publication in a special issue of a dedicated Journal • The participants will have their poster of their work exhibited at the 5th euCognition six-monthly meeting • Beside the material which will be published on the website it will provide students and scientists with an interdisciplinary perspective on cognition and facilitate informal contacts, and it will attract new students from the region to the euCognition program. • Promote the development of a supportive community of scholars within a spirit of collaborative research. • Contribute to the conference goals through interaction with other researchers and conference events. • Establish a new links between several European research institutions
Effort in person-days that will be charged to the Network Action (if any)	None.
Expected start and duration in months	February-June 2008

The requested funding, under the following headings:
 	
   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).
	• Selected applicants will be entitled to claim travel and subsistence costs, subject to the normal euCognition guidelines.
	
	Estimated cost: €2250 (10 students x €150 + 5 researchers x €150 per diem), assuming travel costs are charged for attendance at the euCognition six-monthly meeting.
	
	• A prize of attendance (travel and registration) at a cognitive systems conference of his/her choice will be awarded to the student who delivers the best doctoral Consortium contribution: €1500
	
	• Room rental and sundry costs for breaks etc: €750
	
	• Total: €4500

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)	None