

Network Action Proposal

Title:	The Eight International Conference on Epigenetic Robotics
Membership number(s)	224
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Goals of the action	EpiRob is an annual international conference that aims to bring together roboticists, computer scientists and researchers from developmental sciences (including developmental psychology, neuroscience, biology) to foster scientific exchange between disciplines for (i) furthering our understanding of development and (ii) building better artificial systems. Our focus this year is to bring together evolutionary and developmental communities to further our understanding of the tight inter-relationship between evolution and development. EpiRob will be held just before ALifeXI so as to facilitate cross-over (which both conferences will be actively promoting).
Principal activity to which it contributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Community Outreach o Scientific Outlook o Education & Training 	Scientific outlook
Concrete outcomes of the action (at least one of which should be material suitable for publication on the euCognition website)	<p>The conference proceedings will be made available online on the euCognition website. They provide a unique up-to-date resource of the latest progress in this new field. The proceedings of all the meetings are also available on the Lund University Cognitive Studies web-site (http://www.lucs.lu.se/abstracts/LUCS_studies/index.html) and can be linked on the euCognition website.</p> <p>Presentations of the supported invited speakers will be made available online on the euCognition website.</p> <p>Any follow-up special issue (previously, in Adaptive Behavior, Connection Science, Interaction Studies, Infant and Child Development).</p>
Effort in person-days that will be charged to the Network Action (if any)	None to be charged to the Network action
Expected start and duration in months	July 31 – Aug 2, 2008.
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>Invited speakers (3): €6,000 (travel, subsistence, fees) Proceedings (printing and shipping): €3,000</p> <p>Total: €9,000</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)	EpiRob traditionally tries to have low registration fees to facilitate the participation of psychologists. Most costs (conference management, conference rooms, equipment, catering) will be covered by the registration fees. Travel cost, subsistence and conference fees of up to 3 invited speakers from Europe will also be paid by the registration

	<p>fees. The overall cost is not fully identified at this point but will be provided on request. The Centre for Computational Neuroscience and Robotics (University of Sussex) has agreed to provide £1,000 (€1,500) in sponsorship.</p>
<p>Workshops: <i>official euCognition event</i> (yes/no & maximum number of members that can be accommodated)</p>	<p>Yes. We would like to formally apply for EpiRob'08 to be recognized as official euCognition event. Maximum number of members that can be accommodated: 70 -- the difference between room capacity (140) and expected number of participants (70).</p>