

EUCogIII Coordination Council Meeting

26.08.2012

15:30-18:00

Odense, University of Southern Denmark

Present: Tjeerd Andringa, Ron Chrisley, Rolf Pfeifer, Matej Hoffmann, Yulia Sandamirskaya, Gregor Schöner, Tom Ziemke, Markus Vincze, Vincent C. Müller

Absent: Toni Gomila, Andreas Engel (Alexander Maye)

Minutes

1. EUCogIII Activities

- Membership, brief report & discussion (now back to ca. 780 from 810 end EUCogII)
- Event Sponsoring & Budget, brief report & discussion
 - Budget: 354.900€, of which for Workshops: 226.800€, Summer schools: 94.500€, Faculty/student exchanges: 33.600€
 - As of 26.08.12: approved 89155€ out of €121505 applied for. We are on target but remain cautious.
- Issues concerning membership participation, esp. at meetings:
 - Attractiveness of location and ease to reach is crucial
 - We need both foundational debates and technical state of the art, not too far from core interests
 - We need various formats, but workshops and respondents are appreciated
- Reimbursements brief report & discussion
 - We are now done with all pre-Odense applications. New procedure with new bank is in place, so things should become faster.

2. EUCogIII Meetings 2013

- Palma in Spring 1013
 - in Cooperation with PASCAL2
 - will involve 'associate members'
 - Dates to be determined: March 25-26 / April 2-3 ... april 4-5 (8-9)
 - Themes to be determined. Proposal for "affective and social robotics" (HCI, social impact). "Learning" (in the real world) might be good for PASCAL cooperation.
 - > discussion with local organizer, Toni Gomila
- Summer schools or other teaching events in 2013? No concrete plans yet.
- Special CC Meeting 2012
 - Will be held on Oct. 22nd in Oxford. (Lunch ca. 13:00, Start 14:00, Coffee 16-16:45, Dinner 19:00)
- 2013 Autumn meeting
 - envisage theme of social impact & ethics - Oxford? Brighton? Bochum?

3. EUCogIII WP Organisation

- Reminder: Outstanding deliverables year 1:
 - criteria for members and associates
 - field/event acceptance
 - support bridging events
 - associate types
 - stress that non-members can come to our events
 - > VCM will write proposals
 - online tool for press releases
 - document describing target areas and people
 - service area online (network tools)
- Work packages & responsible partners.
 - As discussed in Zurich, with these changes:
 - RUG is added to WP1 Outreach
 - RUB has the lead on WP 2 'Education'
 - OUS is added to WP4 'Online Resources'

4. Miscellanea

- Wiki future remains unclear, we envisage a DB oriented version in connection to the 'Online Resources'.
- We consider what can be done to assure a longer term survival EUCog, beyond EU funding as CA (ending 12/2014).

We remind ourselves of our CC Meeting in Zurich, 28.11.2011

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3. Work Packages Planning

WP1 Outreach - UIB (esp. 1.3), UOS, UZ

- emphasize community contributions
- 'cogsys of the month'? (video & short text)
- Deliverables: online expertise DB, information material, online press release tool

WP2 Bridges - TUW, UKE, HIS

- HIS: Connection to 'animals to animats' SAB at Odense
- TUW: Workshop at European Robotic Forum, Odense, March 5-7
- Examples of regions to bridge ... Brazil (Gregor), India (Ron, Rolf)
- Deliverables: identify target areas & people, organize events & open house

WP3 Education - RUB (esp. 3.1 and 3.2) - with UKE and UZ

- include non-tech people like psych/neuro/bio
- UKE planning summer schools Barcelona 2012, Zurich 2013 - RUG planning summer school with Plymouth
- Deliverables: reports on summer schools & workshops

WP4 Online Resources - AC

- website, members DB, management tools (longer term: service area)
- -> development of members DB with new membership kinds

WP5 Coordination - AC

- members' meetings, members & associates criteria,

WP 6 Management - AC

- Membership, 3 kinds in EUCogIII: Full member, inactive member, associate. Inactive cannot receive funds. Associates only for certain events, activities or areas of work (including non-Europeans). Full members must participate in Wiki on 'expertise'.

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