

EUCogII Coordination Council Meeting

08.10.2010 – 10:00–13:00 &

10.10.2010 – 14:00–16:00

Palma de Mallorca

Minutes

Present:

Andringa, Chrisley, Gomila, Müller, Pfeifer, Schöner, Ziemke + Hoffmann, Maye, Sandamirskaya

Absent:

Engels

Minutes kept by:

Müller

Approved by online voting:

09.11.2010

1. Meetings

- Brief report from Bochum 'summer school' – successful event, applicants 200% of places, foundation for further
- Spring 2011, 11 & 12. April 2011, Thessaloniki
 - Theme: "Embodiment – Fad or Future?"
 - Discussion on speakers and themes (involve project partners, opponents, pragmatists; old vs. current debates)
 - Jointly with review meeting for year 2: 13.04.2011 (and with CC meeting on the morning of April 11th).
- Fall 2011, 10&11 Oct. 2011, Groningen
 - Rough Theme: "achieving goals in real environments (complex, variable, not simplified, and uncontrolled)"
 - Vincent will write brief outline paragraph for discussion

2. Personnel Costs

- Allocated so far: 2 PM per partner + 1 PM Coordination (ca. 1/2 used)
- 'PM Pool' 13PM @ 8000€ (+ remainder from VUB, ca. 11,000€)
 - WP 1 State of the Art – 3 (deliverable: Wiki)
 - WP 2 Challenges – 3 (deliverable: List)
 - WP 3 Education – 3 (deliverables: Tutorials, Toolkit specs, Events)
 - WP 4 Outreach – 2
 - WP 5 Online – 2
- Decision: written proposals for PM use to Vincent, then online voting.
- Tutorials are forthcoming from Zurich and Bochum (Bochum material on their site)

3. WP 1 "State of the Art"

- Results definitely needed within year 2 (ends 31.1.2011)
- Deliverable: "D 1.1: EUCogII wiki with information about the state of the art in cognitive systems, as well as links to other relevant points of information and persons."
- Milestone: "M 1.1: A rudimentary wiki will be developed quickly and some nodes or clusters will have a rich set of materials and links under them by the end of year one. The wiki contains at least 50 entries. The site statistics will bear out whether it provides a service that is useful and known in the community: Its usage will approach that of euCognition."
- Official plan after 1st annual review: "Our plan to reach this milestone, as explained in the meeting, is to hire a person other than the project partner at UOS (and to work with the partner at HIS) to establish a basic structure of the Wiki and to develop a strategy for filling that structure through a bottom-up effort within the network. This effort will be lead by particular solicited contributions. (For re-setting, see below.)"
- Plan:
 - a) person employed at UOS will develop structure, hierarchy/heterarchy
 - b) every partner one entry
 - c) 'snowballing' through members questionnaire, 'forcing' sponsored members to write, perhaps linking registration/reimbursement to wiki entries
 - topical map (people & geography), Ron
 - ordering by: topics, methods, themes, fields, tasks ... and *challenges*
 - > basic usable structure by end of month
 - d) graphical representation, or even interface ...
 - e) In year 3, partners and other members as moderators, topics editors, ... Possible allocation of PM.

3. WP 2 "Challenges"

- Results definitely needed within year 2 (ends 31.1.2011)
- Deliverable: "D 2.1 List of challenges, with explanations."
- Milestone: "M 2.1: Draft list of challenges, month 12."
- Official plan after 1st annual review: "For WP 2, we shall plan a workshop to take place in the latter half of 2010 on the specific issue. The preparations for this workshop should proceed in the next couple of months. We will also continue "top-down" in writing on challenges. UIB and the Coordinator will report to the CC."
- [Some activity in year 1, now UIB and AC too busy with meetings, VUB out.]
- This is a chance to influence the research program, for a manifesto
- Plan:
 - a) "Retreat" workshop within year 2 (org. AC & UIB) -> Challenges full draft
 - b) Set up "Challenges" wiki
 - c) Workshop at "European Robotics Forum" in Västerås (6–8.04.2011)
 - d) Decision on further activity, e.g. publication

4. Miscellaneous

- Budget: generally in good shape, some underspending, more details forthcoming from Coordination Office
- RSS feed for network actions requested (done)
- Review planning
 - Meeting April 13th, Thessaloniki
 - Communicate on reviewers

Meeting adjourned