

“EUCognition beyond EUCogIII” Meeting

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Report: Working Group on “Events”

(Chair: Markus Vincze)

Features/characteristics of future EUCog main event:

- Annual event
- Continuing keyword tradition: Artificial Cognitive Systems, Interaction and Robotics
- Europe-centered
- Continuing topic/theme tradition: Structuring meetings, providing direction, important for attractiveness/advertisement
- Strong emphasis on networking/community building: Breaks, socials (bar session, science slam, etc.), exhibitions, collocation of artistic/cultural events, participatory science events, outreach, popular science, etc.
- „Non-conference“: Moving away from need to publish full papers, issuing CfPs, complex reviewing process
- Solving publication/presentation problem:
 - o Poster sessions (1-page/2-page abstracts in ISSN-indexed volume would solve „publication requirement“) & plenary poster announcements („elevator pitch“)
 - o (Re)Presentation of previously published papers
- Software/system demos, robot demos, video competitions, platform for dissemination activities of EU- and other research projects
- Doctoral/Early career researcher symposium
- Industry exhibition spaces/possibly industry track (startups, SMEs, etc.)
- „Facilitated dialogue(s)“:
 - o Research proposal symposium (discussing/providing feedback for research proposals)
 - o „Meet & greet“-session (offering matchmaking/meeting platform for forming research proposals)
 - o Tutorials
 - o Master classes on „soft“ academic skills
 - o Industry outbreak sessions
- Invited speakers: Prominent/high profile people, importance for attracting participants
- Book launches
- Support/platform for group meetings for international projects etc. (possibly in exchange for funding contribution)
- Mostly single track, but parallel breakout sessions/workshops/dialogues/etc.
- Live-streaming/online augmentation, emphasis on outreach activities
- Dates: Beginning of July/end of August (to be chosen flexibly by organizers)
- Easy accessibility/good traffic connectedness
- Place: Preferably university/academic institution (likely consequences: during lecture-free period, if possible with accompanying unoccupied dorm spaces; importance of having varying range of accommodation possibilities nearby)
- Decision about future meeting: Bidding system with 2-years horizon, selection by Steering Committee

Open Bid for euCognition Event 2015:

- Duration: 2 days (1 night)
- Estimated number of participants: 100
- Possible themes (non-exhaustive list, open to organizer):

- Horizon 2020
- Real applications
- Cultural dimensions & applications
- Sensing & perception
- Decision about topics: Member survey/online poll
- Preferred dates: Beginning of July or end of August
- Aiming for a low cost event
 - Cheap rooms at university
 - Options for reasonable hotels costs
- Registration may be handled by euCognition (or RegOnline)
- Practicalities:
 - Importance of traffic connectedness/easy accessibility
 - Importance of suitable registration system (information on participant preferences over talks/sessions, etc.)
 - Importance of suitable submission management system (provided that reviewing is necessary)
- Required:
 - Clarity about future structure/status of organization (liability, risk of default, etc.)
 - Volunteer(s) to organize/run event
 - Steering Committee
 - euCognition Ltd. will be responsible organisation

Call for Bids to organize the Conference of the euCognition Network 2015 carrying on the tradition of euCognition networking events as laid out in more detail below

- Conference chair, organising team, previous experience with organizing events
- Planned topic and program
- Dates and Timeline
- Venue
- Accessibility
- Budget including expected registration (or taking the offer from euCognition) and accommodation costs
- Deadlines
 - Call for bids out: 5. Dec. (Vincent, Markus)
 - Declaration of interest: 19. Dec. 2014 (short responses to bullets listed)

Options

- Sheffield
- Lisbon

Event 2016:

- Volunteer for organizing: Markus Vincze (TU Wien)

Creative/innovative ideas outside of/complementing the main event:

- EUCog camping
- EUCog festival: Identifying and organizing journeys to/meetings at topically relevant events/conventions/festivals

- EUCog travel: Organizing networking-centered travels/getaways

Additional activities:

- Senior/junior mentoring network (matchmaking between mentees and mentors)