

Call for Videos

AAAI-07 Online Video Competition

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AAAI solicits submissions for a new online video competition. The goal of this competition is to communicate to the world how much fun AI (research and application) is and, in particular, to document exciting research and applications using artificial intelligence. The rules are simple: compose a short video about an exciting AI project, and narrate it in a way that makes your video accessible to a broad online audience.

Accepted videos will be displayed in the AAAI-07 registration area on Monday, 23 July. During that evening's session, the developers of the best videos will be presented with awards. We strongly encourage student participation. This is your chance to make a cool online video about your AI research and/or application, and get a ton of attention!

Video Format

Either 1 minute (max) "short video" or a 5 minute (max) "long video," with narration in English (or English subtitles). Consider combining screen shots, interviews, and video of a system in action. Make the video self-contained, so that newcomers to AI can understand and learn from it. We encourage a good sense of humor, though we will only accept submissions with serious AI content. Your video might cover contemporary research, or document seminal AI research in the past. Creativity is encouraged!

Submission

Submit your video to a publicly-accessible www site and notify the cochairs:

David Aha (david.aha@nrl.navy.mil)

Sebastian Thrun (thrun@stanford.edu)

Submitted videos must not contain any copyrighted video, audio, or characters. Developers of accepted videos will be asked to sign release and copyright forms.

Key Dates

Submission Deadline: 16 June 2007

Reviewing Decisions: 2 July 2007

Announcement of Accepted Videos (on competition's www site):
13 July 2007

Screening and Award Presentations: 23 July 2007

Reviewing

Will be conducted by a committee being formed by the cochairs.

Reviewing criteria (from most to least-weighted):

- Relevance to AI (research and/or application)
- Degree of excitement: Entertainment value, enticing, novelty, etc.
- Educational content
- Presentation

Award Categories (Tentative)

Best Long Video, Best Short Video, Best Student Video, and Most Innovative Video. (Others may be added at the discretion of the cochairs.)

Awards

Up to \$3000 will be awarded in prizes to the best in categories, including "Shakeys": small trophies named in honor of SRI's robot and its inspirational video.

Cosponsors

Thanks to Microsoft Research and Yahoo! Research for sponsoring the awards, and to the Jozef Stefan Institute's PASCAL project for technical support.

Further Information

For further information, contact the organizer' supplemental web site (<http://www.aivideo.org>)

Competition Cochairs

David Aha (Naval Research Laboratory), Cochair

Sebastian Thrun (Stanford University), Cochair