

## AAAI Congratulates New Senior Members!

AAAI announced its new class of AAAI Senior Members at the recent AAAI-12 Conference in Toronto. Senior Member status is designed to recognize AAAI members who have achieved significant accomplishments within the field of artificial intelligence. To be eligible for nomination for Senior Member, candidates must be consecutive members of AAAI for at least five years and have been active in the professional arena for at least ten years. AAAI congratulates the new Senior Members:

**Adele Howe** (Colorado State University, USA)

**Edward P. Katz** (Carnegie Mellon University Silicon Valley, USA)

**Kevin Knight** (USC Information Sciences Institute, USA)

**Barry O'Sullivan** (University College Cork, Ireland)

## Congratulations to the 2012 AAAI Award Winners!

Manuela Veloso, incoming AAAI President, and Eric Horvitz, AAAI Past President and Awards Committee Chair, presented the AAAI Awards in August at AAAI-12 in Toronto. (For more information about nominations for AAAI 2013 Awards, please contact Carol Hamilton at [hamilton@aaai.org](mailto:hamilton@aaai.org) or +1-650-328-3123.)

### The 2012 AAAI Distinguished Service Award

The 2012 AAAI Distinguished Service Award recognizes one individual for extraordinary service to the AI community. The AAAI Awards Committee is pleased to announce that this year's recipient was Anthony G. Cohn, University of Leeds. Cohn was honored specifically for his contributions to the discipline of artificial intelligence through sustained service in professional societies, conferences, journals, and funding agencies around the world.

Tony Cohn is a professor of automated reasoning at the University of Leeds, where he is director of the In-

stitute for Artificial Intelligence and Biological Systems. His research interests focus on spatial representation and reasoning, from theoretical work on spatial calculi (including the widely used region connection calculus, and spatial ontologies, to cognitive vision, modelling spatial information in the hippocampus, and detecting buried underground assets (for example, utilities and archaeological residues) using a variety of geolocated sensors. He has been chairman/president of AISB, ECCAI, KR inc, the IJCAI Board of Trustees, as well as treasurer of SSAISB and ECCAI. He is presently editor-in-chief of the AAAI Press, Spatial Cognition and Computation, and the *Artificial Intelligence Journal*. He was programme chair of the European AI Conference ECAI'94, KR'98 and COSIT-05, workshop chair of IJCAI 1995, and conference chair of KR 2000 and IJCAI 2003. He is a director of KR inc. He was elected a founding Fellow of ECCAI, and is also a Fellow of AAAI, AISB, BCS, and IET.

### 2012 Classic Paper Award

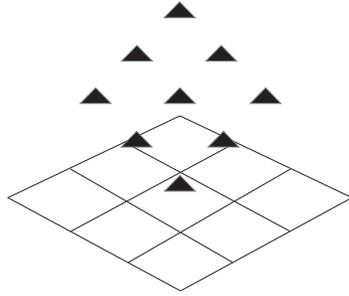
The 2012 AAAI Classic Paper Award was given to the authors of the most influential papers from the Eleventh National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, held in 1993 in Washington DC. The award was presented to Pattie Maes and Robyn Kozierek for their paper, Learning Interface Agents. The authors were honored for highlighting directions and opportunities with harnessing machine learning and inference in automated personal assistance and human-computer interaction.

# AAAI News

## *Fall News from the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence*

*Pattie Maes* is an associate professor at the MIT Media Laboratory where she founded and heads the Ambient Intelligence research group and previously the Software Agents research group. In her recent work she focuses on ways to integrate the world of information more closely into our daily physical lives helping us gain insight and make better decisions. Prior to joining the Media Lab, Maes was a visiting professor and research scientist at the MIT Artificial Intelligence Lab. She was chosen by *Newsweek* as one of the 100 Americans most likely to shape the next century; *TIME Digital* selected her as a member of the Cyber-Elite; the World Economic Forum honored her with the title Global Leader for Tomorrow; and she has been recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Massachusetts Interactive Media Council. She holds bachelor's and PhD degrees in computer science from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium.

*Robyn Kozierek* received a Master's Degree from MIT's department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, under the supervision of Pattie Maes. Kozierek is currently a Lead Artificial Intelligence Engineer at the MITRE Corporation, working primarily in the areas of Natural Language Processing and Information Extraction. She telecommutes from her home in Southern Vermont where she lives with her husband, Charles, and their three sons, Ryan, Matthew, and Evan. An active member of her community, she teaches mathematical problem solving to elementary and middle school students on a volunteer



## 2013 Spring Symposium Series Call for Participation

AAAI presents the 2013 Spring Symposium Series, to be held Monday – Wednesday, March 25–27, 2013, at Stanford University. The eight symposia will be as follows:

### Analyzing Microtext

Eduard Hovy (USC Information Sciences Institute), Vita Markman (Disney Interactive Media Group), Craig Martell (Naval Postgraduate School), David Uthus (National Research Council and Naval Research Laboratory)

### Creativity and (Early) Cognitive Development: A Perspective from Artificial Creativity, Developmental AI and Robotics

Georgi Stojanov (The American University of Paris), Bipin Indurkha, chair (International Institute of Technology, Hyderabad and AGH University of Science and Technology)

### Data Driven Wellness: From Self-Tracking to Behavior Change

Takashi Kido (Riken Genesis Co, Ltd, Japan)

### Designing Intelligent Robots: Reintegrating AI

George Konidaris (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

### Lifelong Machine Learning

Eric Eaton (Bryn Mawr College)

### Shikakeology: Designing Triggers for Behavior Change

Naohiro Matsumura (Osaka University), Renate Fruchter (Stanford University)

### Trust and Autonomous Systems

Don Sofge (Naval Research Laboratory), Geert-Jan Kruijff (German Research Center for AI – DFKI), William F. Lawless (Paine College)

### Weakly Supervised Learning from Multimedia

Rahul Sukthankar (Google Research and Carnegie Mellon University)

For additional information, and links to the supplementary websites for each symposium, please see [www.aaai.org/Symposia/Spring/sss13.php](http://www.aaai.org/Symposia/Spring/sss13.php). Submissions for the symposia are due on October 5, 2012. Notification of acceptance will be given by November 2, 2012. Material to be included in the technical reports of the symposium must be received by January 18, 2013. Registration information will be available by December 15, 2012. Please contact AAAI at [sss13@aaai.org](mailto:sss13@aaai.org) with any questions.

basis, and coaches a local MATH-COUNTS team.

### 2012 AAAI Classic Paper Honorable Mentions

Classic Paper Honorable Mentions were presented to Christian Bessiere and Marie-Odile Cordier for their paper, Arc-Consistency and Arc-Consistency Again, which was honored for contributions to the foundations of constraint programming, providing an influential optimal propagation algorithm, and to Ellen Riloff for her paper, Automatically Constructing a Dictionary for Information Extraction Tasks, and its contributions to automated information extraction from text corpora leveraging natural language processing and structural analysis of news reports.

*Christian Bessiere* received a PhD in computer science in 1992. He is a research director at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and a fellow of the European Coordinating Committee for Artificial Intelligence. He has been an area chair of the European Conference on Artificial Intelligence and is the organizing committee chair for 2012. He is an associate editor of the *Artificial Intelligence Journal*, and was an associate editor of the *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*. He has been a member of the Executive Committee and the treasurer of the Association for Constraint Programming and was the program chair of the International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming in 2007.

*Marie-Odile Cordier* is full professor at the University of Rennes, France and performs her research activities at Irisa-Inria. She is currently the scientific leader of the DREAM team. Her main research interests are in artificial intelligence, focusing in model-based diagnosis, on-line monitoring, model acquisition using model-checking techniques, inductive logic programming and temporal abductive reasoning. She is an ECCAI fellow and served as vice-chair until 2010.

*Ellen Riloff* is an associate professor of computer science in the School of Computing at the University of Utah. Her primary research areas are information extraction, semantics, sentiment analysis, and coreference resolu-

tion. A major emphasis of her research has been automatically acquiring the knowledge needed for natural language processing using bootstrapping methods that learn from unannotated texts. She has served on the NAACL Executive Board, Human Language Technology Advisory Board, Computational Linguistics and Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics editorial boards, and as program cochair for the NAACL HLT 2012 and CoNLL 2004 conferences.

### 2012 Robert S. Engelmore Memorial Lecture Award

This award was established in 2003 to honor Robert S. Engelmore's extraordinary service to AAAI, *AI Magazine*, and the AI applications community, and his contributions to applied AI. The annual keynote lecture is presented at the Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence Conference. Topics encompass Bob Engelmore's wide interests in AI, and each lecture is linked to a subsequent article published upon approval by *AI Magazine*. The lecturer and, therefore, the author for the magazine article, are chosen jointly by the AAAI Program Committee and the editor of *AI Magazine*.

AAAI congratulates the 2012 recipient of this award, Steven Minton, InferLink Corporation. Minton was honored for his seminal contributions in scheduling, planning, and machine learning, his advancement of real-world AI systems through public and private organizations, and his leadership in new dissemination methods for AI research. He presented his talk Building AI: Our Shared Enterprise at the recent Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence Conference in Toronto. It is now available at [videlectures.net](http://videlectures.net).

*Steven Minton* is the president and founder of InferLink Corp., which is developing technology for integrating massive amounts of entity-oriented data. Previously, he was chairman and cofounder of Fetch Technologies, a project leader and research associate professor at USC's Information Sciences Institute, and a principal investigator at NASA's Ames Research Center. He received his Ph.D from Carnegie Mellon University in 1988.



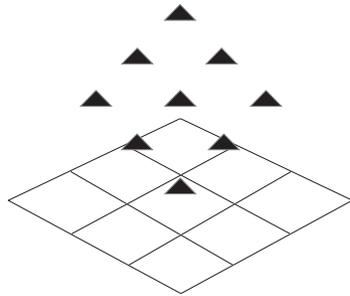
### AAAI to Colocate with Cognitive Science Society in 2014!

AAAI is pleased to announce that it will colocate with the 2014 Cognitive Science Society Conference in picturesque Québec City, Québec, July 27-31, 2014. The conference will be held at the beautiful Centre des congrès de Québec, and attendees can stay at the adjacent Hilton Québec. More details will be available at the AAAI website soon!

### AAAI Executive Council Nominations

Every year the AAAI membership elects four new councilors to serve three-year terms on the AAAI Executive Council. All elected councilors are expected to attend at least two council meetings per year, and actively participate in AAAI activities. Nominees must be current members of AAAI. The Nominating Committee encourages all regular AAAI members in good standing to place an individual's name before them for consideration. (Student and institutional members are not eligible to submit candidates' names.) The Nominating Committee, in turn, will nominate eight candidates for councilor in the spring. In addition to members' recommendations, the committee will actively recruit individuals in order to provide a balanced slate of candidates. AAAI regular members will vote in the late spring.

To submit a candidate's name for consideration, please send the individual's name, address, phone number, email address, and any additional information or recommendation, to Carol Hamilton, Executive Director, AAAI, 2275 East Bayshore Road, Suite 160, Palo Alto, CA 94303, (650)321-4457 (fax), [hamilton@aaai.org](mailto:hamilton@aaai.org). Nominators should contact candidates prior to submitting their names to verify that they are willing to serve, should they be elected. The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2012.



## 2012 AAAI Fall Symposium Series Registrtaion

The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence's 2012 Fall Symposium Series will be held Friday through Sunday, November 2-4 at the Westin Arlington Gateway, Arlington Virginia, adjacent to Washington, DC. The titles of the eight symposia are as follows:

- AI for Gerontechnology
- Artificial Intelligence of Humor
- Discovery Informatics: The Role of AI Research in Innovating Scientific Processes
- Human Control of Bio-Inspired Swarms
- Information Retrieval and Knowledge Discovery in Biomedical Text
- Machine Aggregation of Human Judgment
- Robots Learning Interactively from Human Teachers
- Social Networks and Social Contagion

An informal reception will be held on Friday, November 2. A general plenary session, in which the highlights of each symposium will be presented, will be held on Saturday, November 3. Symposia will be limited to 40–75 participants each. Participation will be open to active participants as well as a limited number of interested individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. Each participant will be expected to attend a single symposium. AAAI technical reports will be prepared and distributed to participants in electronic format, and will be added to the AAAI Digital Library.

The final deadline for registration is October 12, 2012. For registration information, please contact AAAI at [fss12@aaai.org](mailto:fss12@aaai.org) or visit AAAI's web site at [www.aaai.org/Symposia/Fall/fss12.php](http://www.aaai.org/Symposia/Fall/fss12.php). A hotel room block has been reserved at the Westin. The cut-off date for reservations is October 10, 2012. Please call +1-888-627-7076 (reference AAAI) for reservations, or reserve a room online via the URL above.

Chair was presented to Eyke Hüllermeier (Philipps-University Marburg, Germany). Outstanding Senior Program Committee Member Awards were presented to Edith Elkind (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and Roni Khardon (Tufts University, USA).

Outstanding Program Committee Member Awards were presented to Lloyd T. Elliott (University College London, United Kingdom); Andrey Kolobov (University of Washington, Seattle, USA); Scott Sanner (NICTA, Australia); and Kiri Wagstaff (Jet Propulsion Laboratory, USA).

## AAAI-12 Outstanding Paper Awards

This year, AAAI's Conference on Artificial Intelligence honored two papers that exemplify high standards in technical contribution and exposition. Papers were recommended for outstanding status by members of the Program Committee during the blind review process. The winning papers were selected by the program chairs with the help of area chairs and members of the senior program committee. Honors went to Learning SVM Classifiers with Indefinite Kernels by Suicheng Gu and Yuhong Guo (Temple University, USA) and Document Summarization Based on Data Reconstruction by Zhanying He, Chun Chen, Jiajun Bu, Can Wang, Lijun Zhang, Deng Cai, and Xiaofei He (Zhejiang University, China).

Two additional papers received an honorable mention in this category: Knapsack Based Optimal Policies for Budget-Limited Multi-Armed Bandits by Long Tran-Thanh, Archie Chapman, Alex Rogers, and Nicholas R. Jennings (University of Southampton, UK and The University of Sydney Business School, Australia); and Predicting Disease Transmission from Geo-Tagged Micro-Blog Data by Adam Sadilek, Henry Kautz, and Vincent Silenzio (University of Rochester, USA).

## Special Computing Community Consortium Computational Sustainability Awards

AAAI-12 joined with the Computing Community Consortium ([cra.org/ccc](http://cra.org/ccc)) to promote work at the intersection of computing and sustainability on prin-

He is a fellow of the AAAI, and a previous recipient of AAAI's Classic Paper and Best Paper awards. He founded AI Access Foundation in 1993, and served as JAIR's first executive editor and managing editor.

## AAAI-12 Program Committee Awards

AAAI-12 program cochairs Joerg Hoff-

mann and Bart Selman recognized the following members of the AAAI-12 Program Committee for their distinguished service on the committee. These individuals used extreme care, thoughtfulness, thoroughness, and diligence in the execution of their duties while serving on the Program Committee.

The award for Outstanding Area

## Congratulations to the New AAAI Fellows!



Each year a small number of fellows are recognized for their unusual distinction in the profession and for their sustained contributions to the field for a decade or more. An official dinner and ceremony was held in their honor during AAAI-12 in Toronto.

**Murray S. Campbell, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center**

For significant contributions to computer game-playing, especially chess, and the associated improvement in public awareness of the AI endeavor.

**Boi V. Faltings, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)**

For significant contributions to research and applications of spatial reasoning, distributed constraint reasoning, case-based reasoning, design, optimized communication, and social networking.

**Yolanda Gil, USC/Information Sciences Institute**

For significant contributions to intelligent user interfaces, knowledge capture, representations for web-based science, and for leadership in the AI community.

**Peter F. Patel-Schneider**

For significant contributions to knowledge representation and reasoning, in particular the exploration of decidable logic fragments, reasoning optimizations, and the application of KR on the web.

**Francesca Rossi, Università degli Studi di Padova**

For significant contributions to constraint and preference reasoning, and for distinguished leadership and service.

**Peter H. Stone, The University of Texas at Austin**

For significant contributions to machine learning, multiagent systems, and robotics, and pioneering applications in the robot soccer, trading agents, and autonomous driving domains.

principles and applications that address environmental, economic, and societal needs in support of a sustainable future. AAAI-12 track cochairs Carla

Gomes and Brian Williams, in association with CCC director Erwin Gianchandani, announced the papers from the Special Track on Computational

Sustainability and Artificial Intelligence that were honored in Toronto. The Best Paper Award went to MOMDPs: A Solution for Modelling



## Join us July 14–18 in Bellevue, Washington for AAAI-13 and IAAI-13!

The Twenty-Seventh AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-13) and the Twenty-Fifth Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI-13) will be held July 14–18 at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue in Bellevue, Washington, USA. Bellevue, located on Seattle's eastside, is a high-tech center, but retains a small-town feel, with a vast network of green spaces and recreational facilities. The city spans more than 31 square miles between Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish, and is a short drive from the Cascade Mountains. The greater Seattle area is a thriving AI center — home to both Microsoft and the University of Washington, among other AI centers. Both Seattle and Bellevue offer a host of cultural and recreational options for conference attendees. For local information, please visit the Hyatt Regency Bellevue website at [www.bellevue.hyatt.com](http://www.bellevue.hyatt.com), or [visitbellevuewashington.com](http://visitbellevuewashington.com) and [www.visitseattle.org](http://www.visitseattle.org).

### Your Submissions Are Welcome!

AAAI-13 welcomes submissions on mainstream AI topics as well as novel crosscutting work in related areas. Topics include but are not limited to the following: cognitive modeling and human interaction, computer vision, constraint satisfaction, search, and optimization, decision making from data, evolutionary computation, game playing and interactive entertainment, information retrieval, integration, and extraction, knowledge acquisition and ontologies, knowledge representation and reasoning, machine learning and data mining, automated diagnosis, multiagent systems, natural language processing, planning and scheduling, probabilistic and uncertain reasoning, robotics, web and information systems.

AAAI-13 will continue the highly successful special tracks program created several years ago. For the pre-

liminary Call for Papers, please see [www.aaai.org/Conferences/AAAI/aaai13.php](http://www.aaai.org/Conferences/AAAI/aaai13.php)

### Additional Programs

In addition to the main technical program, AAA-13 will include the tutorial forum, workshop program, video competition, robotics program, student abstracts program, the AAAI/SIGART Doctoral Consortium, and the fourth AAAI Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence Symposium, to name only a few of the highlights. For complete information on these programs, including Tutorial and Workshop Calls for Proposals, please visit the AAAI-13 website or write to us at [aaai13@aaai.org](mailto:aaai13@aaai.org).

### IAAI-13

The IAAI-13 conference will use technical papers, invited talks, and panel discussions to explore issues, methods, and lessons learned in the development and deployment of AI applications, and to promote an interchange of ideas between basic and applied AI. IAAI-13 will consider papers in two tracks: (1) deployed application case studies and (2) emerging applications or methodologies. For more information and a full Call for Papers, please see [www.aaai.org/Conferences/IAAI/iaai13.php](http://www.aaai.org/Conferences/IAAI/iaai13.php).

### Program Chairs

The AAAI-13 program cochairs are Marie desJardins (University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA) and Michael L. Littman (Brown University, USA). The IAAI-13 Conference chair and cochair are Hector Munoz-Avila, Conference Chair (Lehigh University, USA) and David Stracuzzi, Conference Cochair (Sandia National Laboratories, USA).

We hope to see you in Bellevue next summer!

Adaptive Management Problems by Iadine Chadès, Josie Carwardine, Tara G. Martin, Samuel Nicol, Régis Sabbadin, Olivier Buffet. The Best Student Paper Award went to Coupling Spatiotemporal Disease Modeling with Diagnosis by Martin Mubangizi, Catherine Ikae, Athina Spiliopoulou, John A. Quinn.

## 2012 AI Video Competition Winners

The sixth annual AI video competition was held during AAAI-12 and several winning videos were honored during the awards presentation. Videos were nominated for awards in three categories, and winners received a gold Shakey award following the opening reception during the conference. Our thanks go to Arnav Jhala and David Aha for all their work in pulling off this exciting event in Toronto.

The Best Video award went to *Inquire: An Intelligent Textbook*, created by Adam Overholtzer, Aaron Spaulding, Vinay K. Chaudhri, and Dave Gunning (SRI International and Vulcan Inc.). The Best Short Video award went to *Mobile Reading Device*, created by Markus Kubbutat and Roman Guilbourd (Free University Berlin). The Best Student Video award was given to *Illusion of Intelligence*, created by Karolina Zawieska, Bart Kevelham, Maher Ben Moussa, and Nadia Magnenat-Thalmann (MIRALab, SMARTlab, and PIAP).

AAAI gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions of *AI Journal*, which made this competition possible. Congratulations to all the winners!

## 2012 General Game Playing Competition Results

AAAI congratulates the winner of this year's General Game Playing Competition, Hilmar Finsson, whose *CadiaPlayer* defeated Sam Schreiber's *TurboTurtle*. This competition is designed to test the abilities of general game players by comparing their performance on a variety of previously unseen games. In all, eleven teams competed this year. Unlike competitions in previous years, there was no competition phase prior to the conference. In the preliminary round, the

eleven teams played multiple matches of half a dozen different games to whittle the field down to just eight competitors. These eight then competed in a double-elimination final competition involving four additional games. Please see [games.stanford.edu](http://games.stanford.edu) for a summary of the competition, and visit [gamemaster.stanford.edu](http://gamemaster.stanford.edu) for full details on the games and matches played. AAAI thanks Peter Pham of Stanford University for all his efforts in organizing this event.

## AAAI Executive Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2012, Via teleconference

*Attending:* Henry Kautz, Manuela Veloso, Eric Horvitz, Ted Senator, Carla Brodley, Dieter Fox, Maria Fox, Adele Howe, Rao Kambhampati, Kate Larson, David Leake, Mark Maybury, Alan Schultz, Toby Walsh, Michael Wooldridge, Shlomo Zilberstein, Carol Hamilton

*Not attending:* Tony Cohn, Jonathan Schaeffer, Makoto Yokoo

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM PDT via teleconference. A roll call was taken, and the minutes of the July 2012 were approved.

### AAAI Election

Carol Hamilton announced that the upcoming AAAI election would be electronic for the first time. She noted that there are still approximately 175 regular members who can only be reached via postal mail, so a paper ballot would be circulated to those members. The Council discussed options about how to make future elections exclusively electronic. Secretary-Treasurer Ted Senator will work with Hamilton to add a bylaws modification to the 2012 ballot for this purpose. Hamilton also announced that the slate of candidates will include two presidential candidates for the first time.

### AAAI-12 Turing Events

Carol Hamilton reported that the 2011 ACM A.M. Turing Award Lecture will be presented by Judea Pearl at AAAI-12. This lecture is the latest addition to the commemorative Turing

events planned for AAAI-12. In addition to this lecture, Christos Papadimitriou (University of California, Berkeley) will present the inaugural AAAI Turing Lecture, and a performance of "Hello Hi There" is also planned. Toby Walsh is finalizing the arrangements for this and other activities.

### AAAI-12 Sponsorships

Carol Hamilton reported that sponsorships for the conference were down and made a plea with the Executive Council to help raise funds to support the conference, including several new events. Alan Schultz noted that government agencies are no longer able to support conferences routinely. Several suggestions were made for sponsorship opportunities in Canada, and a new institutional registration could be offered in the future.

### Robotics

Carol Hamilton noted that the traditional Robot Exhibition and Workshop had not materialized for AAAI-12. The Council agreed that a robotics presence at the conference was a priority, and discussed ways to bring researchers to the conference. Manuela Veloso suggested that a call for posters, videos, and demos that highlight the use of AI in robotics be issued quickly. Veloso and Hamilton planned to follow up with the current robotics program co-chairs. The Council approved up to \$5,000 to sponsor this program in 2012.

### AAAI-13

Dieter Fox reported on the progress for a search for AAAI-13 program co-chairs, and noted that co-chairs would be selected shortly. The Council discussed the need to formalize the process for the selection of co-chairs in future years. Currently, candidates are discussed among conference committee members, and then the chair makes a recommendation to the president. In the future, the Council will help generate the list of names to be considered and will also vote on the final choices.

Henry Kautz reported that the conference committee will contact representatives at the University of Wash-



Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment

## The Eighth AAAI Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment Conference (AIIDE-12)

The Eighth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment will be held at Stanford University, October 8–12, 2012. AIIDE is the definitive point of interaction between interactive entertainment software developers interested in AI and academic and industrial AI researchers. Sponsored by AAAI, the conference is targeted at both the research and commercial communities, promoting AI research and practice in the context of interactive digital entertainment systems with an emphasis on commercial computer and video games. AIIDE-12 will include invited talks by Rich Hilleman (vice president and chief creative director at Electronic Arts), Marek Michalowski (co-founder of BeatBots, LLC), Zoran Popovic (University of Washington), and Hannes Högni Vilhjálmsson (Reykjavík University), as well as technical paper presentations, a poster/demo session, a new Doctoral Consortium, and the annual Starcraft AI Competition.

In addition, the workshop program has been extended to include four workshops this year, as follows:

- Workshop on Intelligent Narrative Technologies (two-day). *Organizers:* Stephen Ware (North Carolina State), Jichen Zhu (Drexel University), Raina Hodhod (Georgia Tech)

- Workshop on Artificial Intelligence in Adversarial Real-Time Games. *Organizers:* Michael Buro (University of Alberta), Alan Fern (Oregon State University), Hector Munoz-Avila (Lehigh University), Kevin Dill (Lockheed Martin), David Churchill (University of Alberta), Brian Schwab (Blizzard)

- Workshop on Musical Metacreation. *Organizers:* Philippe Pasquier (Simon Fraser University), Arne Eigenfeldt (Simon Fraser University), Oliver Bown (University of Sydney)

- Joint Workshop on Human Computation in Digital Entertainment and Serious Games. *Organizers:* Reid Swanson (University of California, Santa Cruz), Rajan Vaish (University of California, Santa Cruz), Jeff Orkin (MIT Media Lab), James Niehaus (Charles River Analytics), Alex Godwin (Charles River Analytics), Sean Guarino (Charles River Analytics), G. Michael Youngblood (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

The full conference program and registration information is available at [aiide.org](http://aiide.org). The late registration deadline is September 14. Registrations will also be accepted onsite at Tresidder Union, 459 Lagunita Drive, on the Stanford Campus. For more information about registration or hotels in the area, please consult the URL above, or write to [aiide12@aaai.org](mailto:aiide12@aaai.org).

ington, Microsoft, and Google to help with local arrangements, including social events and fundraising, for AAAI-13 in Bellevue, Washington.

### AAAI-15

Carol Hamilton, who will begin the search for AAAI-15 later in 2012, has received a proposal from Anchorage, Alaska to host AAAI that year. The Council agreed to include a slot in the summer Executive Council meeting to consider a proposal from Anchorage representatives. The Council also provided several other suggestions for sites in 2015, and Hamilton will solicit proposals from these cities, where feasible.

### CRA Report

Carla Brodley gave a brief overview of recent CRA activities, including the formation of the Leadership and Science Policy Institute, the outlook for National Science Foundation funding in 2013, and CRA planning for upcoming projects. CRA's Computing Community Consortium (CCC) established the CCC Leadership in Science Policy Institute (LiSPI) last year. LiSPI is intended to educate a small cadre of computing researchers on how science policy in the U.S. is formulated. It is centered around a one-day workshop held in Washington, DC, that features presentations and discussions with sci-

ence policy experts, current and former Hill staff, and relevant agency and Administration personnel about mechanics of the legislative process, interacting with agencies, advisory committees, and the federal case for computing. In separate news, Brodley reported that CRA intends to expand its materials about careers in computer science to help young researchers. Brodley also noted that she will be stepping down as the AAAI CRA Liaison, and that AAAI should appoint her successor later this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.