

## 1. FEEDBACK & ANSWERS FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL ADVISORS

BIA commented:

Networking activities, student competition were considered as positive.

COGAIN answers:

Networking activities were intensified, as preparations have been going on for almost a year now to establish the COGAIN Association in order to make COGAIN sustainable. The founding meeting of the association will take place in Prague on 3.9.2008. Spreading the network further would be valuable. The Association is open and COGAIN hopes that your organization and you personally could join at <http://www.cogain.org/association> to integrate the members of the advisory boards closer together to the COGAIN Community.

COGAIN Competition will be launched again at the Camp in Prague on Tuesday, 2.9.2008, during the Academic Sessions, see <http://www.cogain.org/competition/>

BIA recommended:

Simplify and push COGAIN standard to industries, keep focus on disabled users, involve more students. Refocus on development of applications and software rather than hardware. Spread the word that eye tracking works, also to decision makers.

COGAIN answers:

COGAIN standard roadmap has been drafted and an advisory body, Supervisory Body on Standards (SBS), has been formed. It includes the members of the BIA and the BUC.

WP5 together with WP2 and SBS works towards a CIE endorsed international standard. Such a standard, not envisaged at the beginning of the COGAIN project, underlines the reactivity and impact of the COGAIN project.

COGAIN has been active in dissemination activities, also to decision makers. It was invited to eInclusion Ministerial meeting in Lisbon, 2.-3.12.2007. The compact exhibition was given so much positive feedback by high rank decision makers that the Commission invited COGAIN back for this year's event.

COGAIN will attend the Ministerial eInclusion meeting to be organized 30.11.-2.12.2008 in Vienna, Austria, participation by invitation only.

COGAIN was also accepted to the annual ICT event in Lyon, France, 25.-27.11.2008.

Additionally, COGAIN ran a stand at three other major international conferences:

- ETRA Symposium on Eye Tracking Research & Applications, 26.-28.3.2008, in Savannah, Georgia, USA. COGAIN also participated in the organization of ETRA.
- CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, 5.-10.4.2008 in Florence, Italy.
- The Conference organized by the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC), 2.-7.8.2008 in Montreal, Canada.

## 2. FEEDBACK & ANSWERS FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF USER COMMUNITIES

BUC commented:

Website and networking are good. Impressed by the work Mick Donegan and his team's work with challenging users. This meeting has given an added value to our work, and has been very interesting.

Provision on systems: even though it is not perfect, we have had people funded for systems in the UK, which is fantastic. COGAIN work has affected prices also. We have worked with manufacturers, which would not have happened without COGAIN.

COGAIN answers:

COGAIN invests a lot of resources on user impact, so these results are extremely important to us. Please spread the lessons learned within your organizations as appropriate.

The opportunity to work together with manufacturers and researchers will continue to be available by joining the COGAIN Association. Your organisation and you can join at [www.cogain.org/association](http://www.cogain.org/association).

BUC recommended:

In the future there could be descriptions on the different products on the website. Put more resources on the website, such as videos and eye gaze used in different modes. A "What's new?" area could be good on the website.

COGAIN answers:

After the last COGAIN Conference, a lot of new material has been published on the COGAIN portal. The User Involvement section has been made as a starting point for users and a lot of the new material has been linked to that page for easy access. Examples include:

COGAIN Eye Control Hints and Tips is a multimedia training resource with several stand-alone presentations and examples on eye control assessment, software, etc. [http://www.cogain.org/user\\_involvement/eye-control-hints-and-tips](http://www.cogain.org/user_involvement/eye-control-hints-and-tips)

COGAIN is also preparing Exemplar Grids which people can download and use as a starting point for their own eye control and communication grids. The grids are downloadable from the COGAIN website and include instructions for use, see [http://www.cogain.org/user\\_involvement/exemplars/](http://www.cogain.org/user_involvement/exemplars/)

The exemplar page is still under construction, it will be ready and published before the end of October, 2008.

COGAIN has also produced easy-to-access web versions of the WP3 deliverables that report user trials. D3.1 and D3.2 are ready and D3.3 web version is under construction. See

[http://www.cogain.org/user\\_involvement/d3.1](http://www.cogain.org/user_involvement/d3.1)  
[http://www.cogain.org/user\\_involvement/d3.2](http://www.cogain.org/user_involvement/d3.2)

COGAIN received a lot of questions about COGAIN and eye control. The most frequently asked questions and answers have been collected under <http://www.cogain.org/faq>

COGAIN recorded all the presentations in COGAIN 2006 and COGAIN 2007 conferences, as well as lectures on the COGAIN PhD course in 2006. The videos have all

been converted and uploaded to the web, but not all speakers have yet given their permission to show them on the web (each speaker can first review the video online before the whole world sees it). We will try to collect the missing permissions from people face-to-face at the Prague camp.

COGAIN conference videos and FAQ as well as an extensive gaze interaction bibliography (<http://www.cogain.org/bibliography/eyetracking-papers>) and other related training material are part of D1.6 “Information and training material on eye tracking published online” which is currently under construction. It includes an index page for information and (self) training material found on the COGAIN web portal. The page will be published within 2 months after the COGAIN 2008 Conference.

In addition to the catalogue of eye tracking systems targeted at people with disabilities, COGAIN has also made sections for low-tech and low-cost solutions and maintains a list of systems targeted at research and analysis, see

<http://www.cogain.org/faq/eye-gaze-communication-board>

<http://www.cogain.org/eyetrackers/low-cost-eye-trackers>

<http://www.cogain.org/eyetrackers/eyetrackers-for-eye-movement-research>

Having a “What’s new” section is a good idea and we will consider it. WP3 is currently working on a new easy access point for users. The webmaster will see if that includes such a section or if a separate one is needed.