

COGAIN Conference (at COGAIN Camp 2005, Copenhagen)

Introduction

One of the objectives of COGAIN is to establish permanent institutions in support of research into gaze-based communication. We have identified one of these institutions as being a major international conference in the field, whose organisation, reputation and written academic outcomes would be established over the lifetime of COGAIN. Many colleagues found the brief introductory overviews given by partners at the kick-off meeting in Tampere to be a very useful and interesting part of the event. The Conference will build on this as a means of getting to know each other's work better.

COGAIN Camp Conference Day - Tuesday 31st May 2005

At the steering group meeting held in Leicester on February 22nd 2004, it was decided that one of the 5 days of this year's Camp would be devoted to the COGAIN Conference. This will be a pilot event and will include a plenary for partners to discuss the future shape of the event in the coming years. Howell Istance (De Montfort University) will be this year's conference chair.

Format of the 2005 Event

Each partner organisation is invited to submit an abstract of a 15 minute presentation on research relevant to COGAIN that they have carried out during the last 12-18 months. The abstract should be 1000-1500 words long. As this is the first year of the event, there will not be a competitive selection procedure and each partner organisation will be restricted to one presentation. Partners are very welcome however to submit several abstracts for consideration from which one will be chosen for presentation.

The topics for presentations can be anything that falls under the broad remit of COGAIN area of interest. This year, these works need not be original and may have been presented, or have been accepted for presentation, at another conference. In this case, the conference proceedings or publication should be acknowledged in the abstract. These presentations should **not** be progress reports on COGAIN workpackages (these will be covered elsewhere in the Camp event). The abstracts will be made available via the COGAIN portal and distributed in hardcopy at the conference. The Chair will organise the presentations into a number of themed sessions. An early indication of provisional titles in advance of the abstracts would be very helpful for this.

The shape of things to come

The plenary session of the Conference will discuss how the next COGAIN Conference should be organised, how partners would like to see the event evolving over the lifetime of the network, and will set some objectives for the coming years' activities.

Dates and Deadlines

Please mail provisional titles of presentations by Friday April 15th and the abstracts by Friday May 13th 2005 (in word format) to Howell Istance (howell.istance@cogain.org).