

Subject: Re: EYESHOTS - project update

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Dear Silvio, dear all

At 10:11 PM +0200 16/9/09, Silvio Sabatini wrote:

Dear Angel,

I hope you are doing fine. The Summer school is proceeding well and everybody is liking it a lot.

I am glad to know you are satisfied, we have been improving and learning from our own errors after many years organizing it. And Eris is doing a great job, as usual. I intended to write to you all with my apologies for not attending the school. The main reason is that I would not like to leave my family here by themselves so long. People here are very friendly but it is a strange country anyway and due to the cultural and language barriers any minor problem can become an issue.

Today we had the EYESHOTS' meeting.

Starting from the suggestions of the reviewers we agreed on the task.

We had a meeting with Eris, Patrizia, Claudio, Markus and Fred in order to put ideas on the most pressing issue the reviewers have raised.

We arrived at a good and feasible modeling approach based on radial basis functions which have been originally suggested in deliv D4.2. Eris can explain you in detail what the approach is. We think it is a nice way to link the experimental work by UNIBO-WWU concerning the visuomotor description of 3D space, and we hope that it meets reviewers' suggestions.

OK sounds good

This is doable for the next meeting but it is a lot of work. All of us agreed that we need someone working on that full-time for at least several months. Since we consider it priority we ask your permission to put the new student Marco on this topic full-time (if he is interested).

OK, no problem from my side. My only concern is that I would not like him to be "forced" into it, so I would like a confirmation both from Eris and Marco that they have discussed it and Marco understands, is adept, and willing to do so.

This would mean that he couldn't work on the new camera head.

Eris we would need somebody to work on the camera. Maybe one of the two people to be hired this year for the PROMETEO project (the "comision de contratacion" should be meeting soon, please ask Enric).

If this is not possible, do you have another person to put on this task full-time? It is important to start right now.

I have the funds but not the person, so unless by any chance the one to be hired for this PROMETEO project in the next weeks is proficient enough for the task there is no immediate alternative (until March or so next year when we get the funds for 2010 and do the selection process).

Eris of course can do the supervising together with us, but he has many responsibilities and cannot do everything. Of course both Markus and Fred can supervise any students and can come for few days or host the student in Chemnitz or Muenster for few weeks.

I will skype with Eris about it.

Let's keep in touch. Thanks for the good job.

Enjoy the school -I want to see the videos of all of you singing at the karaoke party

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angel

As a last resort, we can try to recruit somebody from some other lab. Fred indicated that he might try to find someone, if you have still free money on the grant. That option is of course somehow unrealistic because it would take to much time and we need to start now.

It would be really good and important that you decide about this in these days before the meeting ends, in order to inform the others about your decision.

We look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,
Silvio

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