

**Agenda for Hosting  
Dutch Student Society for Artificial Intelligence students  
Nijmegen, the Netherlands  
By Informatics, University of Edinburgh**

**9am – 5pm, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
2 Buccleuch Place, Conference Suite, Univ. of Edinburgh**

9am	Welcome and Coffee (Kendal Reid, ITO)
9:25am	Introduction (Dr. Jessica Chen-Burger)
9:30-10am	An overview of School of Informatics and the Forum (Dr. Colin Adams, Commercialisation, Informatics)
10-10:15am	An Overview of AIAI (Dr. Jessica Chen-Burger, AIAI)
10:15-11:15am	An Introduction to the Intelligent Virtual World Technologies (Prof. Austin Tate, AIAI)
11:15-12:15pm	An overview of IPAB research: Robots, Insects and Us (Dr. Sethu Vijayakumar, The Institute of Perception, Action and Behaviour (IPAB))
12:15-1pm	A tour to the Eye Tracking Lab: Intro to the Eye Tracking Lab, Research talk and System Demo in SL (Sara Dalzel-Job)  (Lab visit is split in two groups of 10 people: approx. 15 minutes talk and demo, 5 minutes Q&A for each group)
1-3pm	One hour lunch at the Student Union Cafe, followed by talking to relevant staff at the Student Union, getting leaflets, booklets, getting information about student life in Edinburgh.  Lead by: Laurentiu Prodan, VP of CompSoc and VP of EUSA:  Informal discussion on: * The city and the university as a whole * Informatics @ Edi - student view * Life as a foreign student in Edinburgh * Q&A session  Visit to IBM's Recruitment event (free muffins on offer)
3-3:30pm	A quick tour of AIAI (Dr. Jessica Chen-Burger, Tour starts from AIAI/CISA reception, Level 7, Appleton Tower, please report to Kate)
3:30-4pm	A Tour to the Teaching Facilities in Appleton Tower (James Bathgate, tour starts from AIAI/CISA reception, Level 7, AT, please report to Kate)
4-4:50pm	Coffee break back at the Conference Suite, BP
5-6:20pm	A quick tour at the Pollock Hall for student accommodation
7pm	Dinner at Bella Italia Restaurant, Hanover Street Accompanied by Laurentiu Prodan and fellow members from CompSoc

**Note:**

1. **Attendees: 17 Dutch UG and 3 Master Dutch students**, 1 guest student from Edinburgh AI student society, several guest speakers.
2. This Agenda is available at:
3. <http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~jessicac/project/Dutch%20Students%20Visit%2020080428/>
4. The above Conference Suite has been booked 9am-4pm for the visitors.
5. The lead person of the Dutch student group is Bart van Delft.
6. Laurentiu Prodan, VP of CompSoc, has kindly offered to accompany the visitors most of the day from 9.30am onward and for the whole day.

**Goal of Visit:**

“We do like to have information on the possibility to study in Edinburgh, but we also like to learn about how artificial intelligence study/research is like in Edinburgh in general. Of course, it is for some the main reason to come, and maybe not specifically to study, but maybe go to a university abroad after they completed their study here. I think most of us will appreciate some information on the possibilities of studying in Edinburgh,”

**Background of Visitors (17 UGs, 3 Master students):**

“We're members of a Dutch Student Society for Artificial Intelligence students in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. For 2008, we're planning to organize a study trip to Edinburgh. During our visit we'd like to attend the AIAI institute. We were wondering whether it is possible to organize a small lecture for us to attend on the current research at the AIAI and if possible a demonstration or tour through the institute. Our visit in Edinburgh will take place from 26th of April to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. We'd like to attend the University of Edinburgh at the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. If it is not possible to come to the AIAI at that day or another day is more suitable, please inform us about this.

The other institutes you're suggesting are indeed also interesting to us. It's even hard to pick one, they all seem to fit perfectly in our study interests, but I'm afraid there is not enough time to visit all of them within one day. The two institutes covering the most of our interests I think are the Institute for Communicating and Collaborative Systems (ICCS), and the Institute of Perception, Action and Behaviour (IPAB); if there is enough time left that day I think our group will be very pleased to take a (short) visit to those institutes. Is it possible for you to tell whether we can visit them and/or who we would best contact?

We've also some contact with Laurentiu Prodan, vice-president of the CompSoc, who also offered to help us with arranging tickets for the Beltane Fire Festival. I don't know how well you know them, but I thought it might be an option that the CompSoc could help us with a tour around the university campus / student life and then you could help us with an introduction to the research being done at the University of Edinburgh/a demonstration or something like that. Maybe you'd also like to inform us about the possibilities for foreign students to study at the University of Edinburgh?

These are just suggestions. I don't know what is possible and how much effort you want to put on this. We'll be happy with every help we get.”

### **Speakers Information:**

Dr. Colin Adams,  
Director of Commercialisation  
[http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/people/staff/John\\_Adams.html](http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/people/staff/John_Adams.html)

Dr. Jessica Chen-Burger,  
Senior Researcher, Artificial Intelligence Applications Institute  
<http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~jessicac/>

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Director of Artificial Intelligence Applications Institute  
<http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~bat/>

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<http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/svijayak>  
Statistical Machine Learning and Motor Control Group  
<http://www.ipab.inf.ed.ac.uk/slmc/>

### **References:**

The visitors are encouraged to read the speakers' and relevant institutes' web sites before the trip, so that the communication can be more interesting during the visit. See the Speakers' Information and reference list below for this purpose.

- [1] Informatics Research Institutes: <http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/research/institutes.html>  
[2] Intelligent based Virtual World Technologies in AIAI: This research is currently using Second Life as a platform for demonstration purpose, relevant web sites are:
- <http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/project/i-room/>
  - <http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~ai>
  - <http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~skye/>
  - <http://vue.ed.ac.uk>
- [3] AIAI: <http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/>  
[4] ICCS: <http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/research/iccs/>  
[5] IPAB: <http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/research/ipab/>

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## Event Venue and Location Information

University Map: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/maps/central-area/>

### 2 Buccleuch Place Conference Suite

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City Map: <http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~jessicac/map/Buccleuch%20Place.bmp>

### Student Union and Café (@ Bristol Square)

(for lunch and getting info on student life in Edinburgh Univ.)

The conference suite is the building next to the building 31, and the student union and café is building number 14 on the University Map. It is a five minutes walk from the conference suite to the Student Union.

### AIAI (Artificial Intelligence Applications Institute)

Level 7, Appleton Tower

Appleton Tower is building 24 on the University Map and a corner building at the junction of Crichton and Chapel Streets, and next to the top eastern corner of the George Square.

Its main entrance is on the Crichton Street that is facing north and a fairly large construction area (the new Informatics Building). It should be obvious when you arrive here. (Unfortunately, due to the construction, an array of bins is temporary placed in front of the entrance. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this.) Upon entering the building, take the elevator at the other end of the hall to level 7. The reception is on your right.

## Links to Local Information:

- 1) Directions to AIAI, Taxi numbers, etc:  
<http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~jessicac/info.doc>
- 2) Interactive Map of Edinburgh University, Central Area:  
<http://www.ed.ac.uk/maps/central-area/>
- 3) Street Map of Edinburgh City:  
<http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/~jessicac/map/cisa-location.gif>
- 4) Edinburgh University Students' Association:  
<http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/>
- 5) Edinburgh and Lothian Tourist Information:  
<http://www.edinburgh.org/>

- 6) Accommodation Services at the University of Edinburgh:  
<http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/>