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Arlington, Virginia — November 5–7, 2009

BICA-MCES JOINT SESSION

Vision for the Future Funding of Research in Learning Technologies and Artificial Cognitive Systems

Two of the AAAI 2009 Fall Symposia will have a joint session: [BICA-2009](#) and [MCES-2009](#). The idea of this joint session is to bring Program Officers from selected main funding agencies (IES, NSF, and Directorates General of the European Commission) to give talks under one overarching topic: *Vision for the Future Funding of Research in Learning Technologies and Artificial Cognitive Systems*, understood broadly (including technology-enhanced student learning and engineering of cognitive artifacts capable of human-like learning; more generally, bridging the gap between the “artificial” and the “natural”). The session will consist of two parts (90 minutes each): the first part including IES, the second part including European Commission and NSF. Invited talks will present scientific views along with visions of funding opportunities. In each session, talks will be followed by a joint discussion panel with invited speakers participating as panelists. Questions to the panelists will come from moderators (following the agenda prepared in advance) and from the audience. Invited speakers representing the three funding agencies are:

- Dr. Hans-Georg Stork (Principal Scientific Officer; Cognitive Systems, Interaction and Robotics; Directorate General “Information Society and Media”, European Commission, Luxembourg)
- Drs. Carol L. O’Donnell and Jonathan Levy (Research Scientists – Program Officers, National Center for Education Research, Institute of Education Sciences, the United States Department of Education, Washington, DC)
- Dr. John C. Cherniavsky (Senior Advisor for Research, Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings, Education and Human Resources (EHR) Directorate, National Science Foundation; EHR Representative to Office of Cyber-Infrastructure)

The sessions are scheduled for Friday, November 6 from 11 am to 3:30 pm, with the two parts separated by a lunch with speakers, during which the discussion will continue. The lunch will be in the nearby Front Page (inside the NSF building, the estimated cost is \$15 per person). Attendance of the Joint Session is open to all AAAI 2009 Fall Symposia participants. We are looking forward to seeing you in Arlington in November.

–Symposia Chairs