

AAAI-NEWS

■ Workshop Program

AAAI has supported small workshops for the last several years. This support has included publicity, printing, office help, and subsidies for other expenses. Typical grants have been \$5,000, although requests for up to \$10,000 will be considered. Any topic in AI science or technology is appropriate, and anyone may volunteer to organize a workshop on any topic. The organizer(s) should determine the topic, the date, the site, and the procedure for selecting papers and attendees. He or she should also decide whether preprints should be distributed.

Proposals for scientific workshops should be made to: Professor John McCarthy, Computer Science Department, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305. Telephone: (415) 497-4430. Electronic mail: jmc@su-ai.arpa.

For workshops on applied topics, applications should be made to: Dr. Peter Hart, Syntelligence, P.O. Box 3620, Sunnyvale, California 94088. Telephone: (408) 745-6666. Electronic mail: hart@sri-ai.

■ AAAI-87 Workshop Request for Proposals

The AAAI-87 Program Committee invites members to submit proposals for the Workshop Program—expected to be an important feature of this year's conference.

Gathering in an informal setting, workshop participants will have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with a selected focus. This format will provide for active exchange among researchers and practitioners on topics of mutual interest. Members from all segments of the AI community are encouraged to submit proposals for review by the committee.

To encourage interaction and a broad exchange of ideas, the workshops will be kept small. Attendance will be limited to active participants only. Workshop sessions will consist of individual presentations, and ample time will be allotted for general discussion.

Please submit your workshop proposals to: Joseph Katz, MITRE, MS-D070, Burlington Road, Bedford, Massachusetts 01730. Electronic mail: Katz@mitre.arpa.

■ AAAI-87 Technical Program Registration

The Fifth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence will be held 13-17 July 1987 in Seattle, Washington.

AAAI-87's Technical Program will present outstanding research papers in AI. These papers will be divided into those emphasizing basic research and those emphasizing applied research. Basic research papers will stress the computational principles underlying cognition and perception in man and machine. Applied research papers will highlight pragmatic issues that arise in applying these computational principles.

Early Registration (Delivery by May 12)

AAAI Member	\$150.00
AAAI Student Member	\$ 75.00
Nonmember	\$185.00
Nonmember Student	\$ 90.00

Late Registration (Delivery by June 12)

AAAI Member	\$180.00
AAAI Student Member	\$ 85.00
Nonmember	\$225.00
Nonmember Student	\$125.00

Onsite registration will be available at higher cost.

For a Conference Brochure, contact: AAAI-87, AAAI, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025-3496. Telephone (415) 328-3123.

■ Nominations for Officers

The AAAI solicits your assistance in nominating individuals to the positions of President-Elect and Councilor. Elections for these officers will occur in May of 1987. Please submit your nominations to Woodrow Bledsoe, Chair, Nominations Committee, AAAI, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025-3496.

■ Volume Seven Index

Because of the timeliness of several of the articles appearing in this issue of the *AI Magazine*, we have delayed publication of the index to volume seven which would normally appear herein. This index will be printed in the Summer 1987 (Volume 8 Number 2) issue.

■ Request for Proposals Future AAAI Conference Sites

The AAAI's Conference Committee (Jay M. Tenenbaum, Chair; Ronald Brachman, and Michael Genesereth) requests proposals from the membership for conference sites for 1988, 1990, and 1991. The proposal should be structured around the new five day format described elsewhere in this issue of the *AI Magazine*. Based on a predictive attendance of 6,500, the proposals should include the following information:

1. Description of the local AI community and its willingness to support the conference.
2. Description of the variety of available housing ranging from first class hotel rooms to dormitories.
3. Description of the University and/or Convention Center's large meeting rooms (ranging from 300 to 3,500 theater seating) for a minimum of three parallel sessions. Description of another set of three, parallel meeting rooms (used for tutorials) that can accommodate from 200 to 500 schoolroom seating each.
4. Description of available exhibit space (minimum requirement of 80,000 net square feet) and service contractors.
5. Description of local regulations (e.g., labor union laws, liquor licenses, and local tax structure).
6. Description of local housing and convention support services from the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau. Description of procedures for processing university housing reservations.
7. Description of site's accessibility by air and ground transportation and local ground support transportation.

Ideally, the Conference Committee would prefer to hold the science sessions on a university campus and the engineering sessions at the larger convention facility.

For further details about this RFP, please contact: Ms. Claudia Mazzetti, AAAI, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025-3496.

Submit all proposals to: Jay M. Tenenbaum, Chair, AAAI Conference Committee, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025-3496.

■ Foreign Mailing Difficulties

Following several complaints about slow delivery to Sweden, Germany, France, and Spain, we contacted our international mail forwarder for an explanation. We learned that congestion at the London Airport Mail Unit in Heathrow (through which all foreign *AI Magazines* are routed) caused delays to all countries. In addition, magazines with a Swedish destination were delayed further by selective strikes in the public sector, parcel sorting offices, docks in Gottenburg, and marine pilots. Magazines mailed to France were delayed by a dockworkers strike, a strike action by Sealink crews, and a public sector workers strike. German readers received their magazines late due to heavy fall rainstorms causing widespread damage. Magazines going to Italy were delayed by a Customs officers strike. An indefinite strike has slowed all mails going into Spain. And all magazines with destinations in Asia and the South Pacific were delayed by tropical storms in the Philippines.

We will continue to monitor overseas mail incident bulletins through our freight forwarder, and will make adjustments where possible to speed mail delivery.

■ Moving?

Address changes should be sent to: Membership, American Association for Artificial Intelligence, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025-3496

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■ 1988 AAAI Symposium Series

The AAAI announces the first annual AI Symposium Series to be held in the Winter of 1988. The Series plans to have five (5) mini-symposiums of 200 people each held concurrently in one location. The purpose of the Series is to provide the occurrence for more collegial interaction in a relaxed setting. No tutorials or exhibits are planned.

Members are encouraged to submit proposals to organize one of the mini-symposiums. Proposals or questions about the Series can be addressed to the following: Ms. Claudia Mazzetti, 1988 AAAI Symposium Series, AAAI, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025-3496. Telephone (415) 328-3123. Electronic mail: aaai-office@sumex-aim.arpa.

The Engineering Foundation announces a conference on **USING KNOWLEDGE BASED EXPERT SYSTEMS IN THE ENGINEERED AND CONSTRUCTED ENVIRONMENTS**

CHAIRMEN

Louis F. Cohn
University of Louisville

LOCATION

Sheraton Santa Barbara Hotel,
Santa Barbara, California

DATE

February 7-12, 1988

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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Seattle, Washington July 12, 1987

CALL FOR PAPERS

Current and emerging computing technology will have a major impact on every aspect of our public and private lives. The ethical and moral questions posed by our rapidly increasing technical capabilities are, more than ever, an inseparable consideration in assessing the role of computers in our society. This Symposium is meant to address these issues.

Our goal is to contribute to the growing body of analysis and discourse among academics, professionals, and the public at large. Within this broad framework, the following topics are suggested.

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DEFENSE APPLICATIONS

COMPUTING IN A DEMOCRACY

COMPUTERS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The program committee consists of Andrew Black (UW), Alan Borning (UW), Jonathan Jacky (UW), Nancy Leveson (UCI), Abbe Mowshowitz (CCNY), Herb Simon (CMU), and Terry Winograd (Stanford). All submissions are due by April 1, 1987. Selected papers will be presented at the Symposium and distributed to attendees. The proceedings will also be available during the AAAI Conference in Seattle the following week.

For further details, contact Jonathan Jacky (206-548-4117) or Doug Schuler (206-783-0145) or write to CPSR at the address below.

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