
Meeting
IPAB Staff Meeting

Date
Thursday, 10 March 2016

Attendees

(BW) – Barbara Webb
(JP) - Joanne Pennie
(SR) – Subramanian Ramamoorthy
(SS) – Steph Smith
(HL) – Heather Low
(BF) – Bob Fisher
(SV) – Sethu Vijayakumar
(MH) – Michael Hermann
(MF) – Maurice Fallon
(VI) – Vladimir Ivan
(TK) – Taku Komura

Place
1.15, IF

Time
12:00 noon

1. Minutes of last meeting

Action points to take forward from the last minutes:-

Proposal of Institute name change

Maurice will issue a doodle poll to IPAB members to determine initial reaction to the proposal.

MF

Admin will contact ILCC administrators to determine how much work was involved when they changed institute name and the benefits/disadvantages they have experienced.

SS

This item should be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

SS

Future staff meetings

IPAB staff meetings will take place the last Thursday of each month at 2pm.

Post docs and student representatives will be advised of future meetings and be invited to nominate an attendee.

SS

2. Arrivals and departures

Leavers

Alexander Enoch
Victor Hernandez
Thomas Joyce
Luca Del Pero
Andreea Radulescu
Jasper Uijlings

New arrivals and visitors

Zhibin Li (Alex) (new academic staff)
Sebastian Schwartz (Research assistant – Barbara)
Han Gong (visiting from Univ of East Anglia – Bob)
Edigleison Carvalho (visiting from Univ of Rio Grande doSul, Brazil – Bob)
Spencer Bellows (visiting from Heriot Watt – Barbara Webb)
Tianwei Zhang (visiting from University of Tokyo – Maurice and Sethu)
Zhenqang Lee (visiting from Beijing Institute of Technology, China – Taku)

Trimbot2020 have issued offers a post-doc and a student. If accepted, start dates will be 1st May and 1st September 2016.

As part of his sabbatical year, Ram will leave for Stanford, California mid-March and return in November 2016.

3. New Grant proposals, research opportunities

Ram – Horizon 2020 proposal in preparation
Maurice – 1st grant proposal submitted
Barbara – Horizon 2020 proposal in preparation (continuation of Minimal)

4. Budget and resources

Joanne presented an overview of the IPAB figures (copies of handout available).

Joanne confirmed there was little change to the figures since she reported at the previous meeting held in September 2015.

Staff were reminded that funding is available to invite external speakers.

5. Space issues

Maurice raised the issue of robotics students not being located within the labs. Barbara advised he can contact the Graduate School administrators to discuss the possibility of available desks within the labs becoming allocated desk space for his students.

Equipment is beginning to accumulate within the labs, particularly G.12. It was agreed that additional storage space is required in order to free up space within the labs. Heather will look into options.

HL

It was suggested space within the Forum should be a main point for discussion at a future staff meeting.

BW

6. Workshops/seminars

The current schedule of workshops/seminars runs up to and including 5th May 2016.

Following Jasper's departure, Kostas Lagogiannis has been appointed as workshop co-ordinator. The new schedule will issue in due course.

BW

Bob and Vitto have external speakers they would like to invite. Both will send the details to admin in due course.

BF & VF

7. Student issues

No student representative was present at the meeting. It was agreed that Steph will contact the representatives prior to the next meeting to nominate an attendee.

SS

8. Computing issues

No issues raised.

9. Admin issues

No admin issues raised.

10. Socials

An IPAB brainstorming afternoon followed by a social event (ie. BBQ in Meadows/picnic) was suggested for some time in June. Bob agreed to take this forward in the first instance.

BF

It was agreed that a residential social event, such as Firbush, should be held in summer 2017. In the meantime, the SLMC trip to Firbush has been opened up to all IPAB members. This will take place 21-23 October 2016.

11. AOB

Agenda items

The group agreed that teaching should be included in the agenda on a permanent basis. Steph will take this action forward.

SS

Course allocation

The group discussed course allocation and content. Barbara agreed to get clarification on current allocation and ascertain if there any gaps.

BW

Lecturer, senior lecturer or reader post

The post of lecturer, senior lecturer or reader in Image and Vision Computing closes for application on 21st March 2015 with shortlisting hoping to be complete by end of March. Interviews should be held in May. This is in addition to the Robotics post which is working to similar timescales.

Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 28th April at 2pm in room 3.02.