

## [AAAI 2008 Fall Symposium Series](#)

Arlington, Virginia — November 5–7, 2009

### Biologically Inspired Cognitive Architectures - 2009

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## 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 the main funding agencies (including IES, DARPA, NSF, NIH, ONR, AFRL, ARL, 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 invited talks that will present scientific views along with funding opportunities. The total duration of the session may be from an hour and a half to three hours. The talks will be followed by a joint discussion panel with all invited speakers participating as panelists. The list of confirmed invited speakers includes the following names (and may be further expanded):

- 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, Elizabeth R. Albro and Jonathan Levy (Research Scientists – Program Officers, National Center for Education Research, Institute of Education Sciences, the United States Department of Education, Washington, DC)

The day for the session could be within the range of November 5-7 with the maximal likelihood in the middle, and will be determined by the preference of the majority of invited speakers. While all AAAI 2009 Fall symposia are preceded by an AI funding seminar on November 4th, the joint session gives us an additional opportunity to socialize with Program Officers. It is also possible that, based on the session and the panel, a Manifesto will be published in AI Magazine or a higher journal. 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