

Report on the 13th European Agent Systems Summer School

The 13th edition of the European Agent Systems Summer School took place in Girona (Spain) on July 11-15, 2011. It was held at the Polytechnic School (Escola Politècnica Superior) of Universitat de Girona.

The research group eXiT (Control Engineering and Intelligent Systems) of the Department of Electrical and Automatics Engineering was in charge of the local organization.

From the organizing committee we think that it has been a great success. The Summer School offered 14 tutorials (2 of them with practical lab sessions), plus one opening lecture and two student sessions. There were 74 students participating in the Summer School, which represent a 37% increase in attendance with respect to the 2010 edition. This increase has been probably due to the co-location of EASSS 2011 with IJCAI 2011, which was held in Barcelona the week after the Summer School.

Regarding budgetary issues, we received funding from several institutions, including the COST Action Agreement Technologies, the Artificial Intelligence Journal, EURAMAS and IFAAMAS, among others. This funding allowed us to set up a student travel grant, with which we have partially covered the expenses for 36 participants.

Besides the scientific sessions, there also were some social events that permitted the students and tutors gather in a more informal way, as well as discover the cultural richness of the host city, Girona. From the comments we received by the attendants, everyone was really satisfied with these events.

At the end of the Summer School we asked the participants to rate the event, and we received a really good feedback, with an overall rate of 80/100, and a score of 90/100 for the local organization.

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