

## **Call for Participation: The 2013 New Zealand Agent School (NZAS'13)**

1st December 2013, Dunedin, New Zealand,

Co-event of the 26th Australasian Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI'13) and the 16th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Multi-Agent Systems (PRIMA'13)

<http://prima2013.otago.ac.nz/agent-school/>

The 2013 NZ Agent School (NZAS'13) will be held at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, on the 1st of December, 2013. It is a co-event of the 26th Australasian Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI'13) and the 16th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Multi-Agent Systems (PRIMA'13).

The mini-courses can serve as an introduction to the field but will focus on the research frontier. Students and researchers interested in multi-agent systems research are welcome to attend the agent school. The agent school will consist of a number of courses given by distinguished speakers in the field of autonomous agents and multiagent systems.

### **Speakers:**

- A/Prof. Frank Dignum, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
- Dr. Virginia Dignum, TU Delft, the Netherlands
- Prof. Aditya K. Ghose, University of Wollongong, Australia
- A/Prof. Takayuki Ito, Nagoya Institute of Technology, Japan
- Dr. Jeremy Pitt, Imperial College London, UK
- Dr. John Thangarajah, RMIT, Australia
- A/Prof. Michael Winikoff, Otago University, New Zealand
- Prof. Makoto Yokoo, Kyushu University, Japan

### **Lecture topics (to be confirmed):**

- Multi-agent organization
- Normative systems
- Agent-based social simulation
- Agents and services
- Auction and Mechanism Design
- Automated Negotiation
- Self-Organising Multi-Agent Systems
- Computational Justice
- Agent-Oriented Software Engineering
- Game-theory
- Mechanism Design/Auctions in Multi-agent Systems

### **Registration:**

You may register via the conference registration page:

<http://prima2013.otago.ac.nz/registration-information/>

### **Financial support:**

Selected students can receive travel support for attending the agent school. Students studying in New Zealand and the following countries are eligible to apply for travel support:

- **Africa:** all countries
- **South and Central America plus Mexico:** countries excluding Brazil
- **Oceania:** countries excluding Australia

- **Asia:** countries excluding Japan and Singapore
- **Middle East:** countries excluding Israel
- **Europe:** countries excluding UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, and Greece.

*How to apply:*

In order to apply for a grant it is necessary to submit the following documentation:

- Grant request form
- Proof of student status
- Curriculum Vitae, including a brief description of the student's research topic and the importance of attending the agent school.
- Letter by the supervisor (signed, and on university letterhead) stating why the grant is needed to allow the student to attend the agent school.
- Expected travel costs.

All this documentation should be sent to: [quan.bai@aut.ac.nz](mailto:quan.bai@aut.ac.nz) mentioning "NZ Agent School Scholarship Application" in the subject line, preferably as a compressed file of PDF documents. Priority will be given to those students who we think have a greater need for the grants.

Deadline for grant request submission: October 8th 2013.

**Agent School Chairs:**

Dr Quan Bai, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand  
A/Prof. Michael Winikoff, University of Otago, New Zealand  
A/Prof. Minjie Zhang, Wollongong University, Australia

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