

EFMI WG MIP
4th meeting, London, UK

Friday, 27 June 2003, 16:00-16:30

PROTOCOL

- Participants
 - Horsch, Alexander, Technical University of Munich, Germany
 - Punys, Vytenis, Kaunas University, Lithuania
 - approximately 10 interested CARS conference participants

- TOP 1: Very brief introduction of EFMI WG MIP
 - The WG chair gave a description of the working group with emphasis on its major objective of building up a Reference Image Database for Medical Image Processing R&D groups (RID-MIP). He invited all interested colleagues to visit the WG website for more information and to let their address in case they wanted information via email. In total, at CARS conference 7 colleagues from France, Japan, UK, USA and Germany showed high interest in the WG and the RID initiative. Information will be sent to them immediately after the conference.

- TOP 2: Cooperation with CARS
 - Considering the very successful first session of the track “Image Processing and Display” (IPD) track* at CARS2003, which has cooperatively been organized by CARS and EFMI WG MIP, it seems reasonable to continue and intensify the cooperation. This might be done by a similar track at the next CARS conference 2004 in Chicago. In addition, it should be discussed whether a workshop on the RID issue could be of interest for the CARS participants and the WG. This will of course depend also on the further progress of the initiative. The question whether the European EFMI working group should meet outside Europe was clearly answered with yes. It is also common for EFMI members to join the IMIA Medinfo conference every third year (next is in 2004 in San Francisco). EFMI working groups are open to colleagues from any country.

* Report on the whole track, including the second session that took place in the same room immediately after the meeting: The track started with an invited lecture given by Nicholas Ayache (INRIA, France) and then continued with 14 contributions. Almost all of these contributions were of a very high quality. One speaker didn't shine up, so that 13 reviewed contributions were presented to the audience. In average 60-70 participants joined the first session (2:00-4:00pm), about 35 joined the second one (4:30-6:00pm). The contributions covered a wide range of topics from methodology to applications.

- TOP 3: Cooperation with CEN TC251 EHRcom
 - The actual status of EHRcom was briefly explained by the WG chair.
 - MIP / IPD in EHRcom – POSTPONED –
 - Open issues to discuss with EHRcom – POSTPONED –

- TOP 4: RID-MIP (Reference Image Database for Medical Image Processing)
 - The Work Prototype (RID-WP 1.0) was presented by a short description of its development history, some technical information and screen shots giving an impression of its functionality. The prototype in this version is for WG members only. It is meant for internal discussion and decision making.
 - It was mentioned that a small dataset of dermatoscopic images of melanocytic lesions (malignant melanomas and benign lesions) from Munich will be stored as first sample dataset for the discussions on the database concept that will have to take place during the next months. Next datasets shall come from Erlangen and Geneva.
 - Funding was pointed out still to be an open issue.

- TOP 5: EIPG-IS (European Image Processing Groups Information System) – POSTPONED –
 - Concept and strategy
 - Decision: start or wait for funding

- TOP 6: WG business – POSTPONED –
 - Business rules
 - WG chair and co-chair(s)

- TOP 7: Miscellaneous
 - The next WG meeting is planned to be a work meeting of 1-2 days duration. Date and time will be fixed via email. Main issues on the agenda – beside some business – are: 1) Thorough discussion of the RID prototype ending up in a list of requirements for the prototype version to be opened to the public. 2) Discussion of suggestions on funding for the initiative ending up with a decision of how to proceed.

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Chair EFMI WG MIP