

Dear neuromorphic friends,

We are currently planning the promised 2009 \*Neuromorphic Cognition Workshop\*, as discussed last year (see <http://cne.ini.uzh.ch/capocaccia08> ).

We plan to hold the workshop again in Sardinia, at the Capo Caccia Hotel, near Alghero ( <http://www.hotelcapocaccia.it> ), for about 14 days, from April 26 to May 10.

We are presently negotiating costs with the Hotel, and we need your input \*as soon as possible\*. So read on!

This workshop is a stepping stone towards a 'Telluride' style research/teaching/hands-on projects workshop in Europe. On this occasion we plan a 14 days event.

During this time we will combine annual EU project meetings (e.g. DAISY, SECO, SCANDLE, eMORPH, and possibly FACETS) together with meetings on neuromorphic cognition topics such as spike-based processing and methods for configuring neuromorphic systems; further discussions of cognitive issues; projects & demos, etc etc.

As for last year, we are arranging this workshop without dedicated funding support. Rather, we ask each lab/participant to pay his/her own travel and accommodation expenses. Participants of running EU projects are expected to use the funds allocated for the respective annual meetings. We are currently trying to find (partial) support for invited guests not involved in EU projects, which cannot cover the expenses.

Guests from the US will most likely be able to obtain support from the NSF-funded Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition Workshop.

We will have more precise information on the funding situation in a few weeks. As a rough guide, we expect that the hotel accommodation will be about 50 Euro / day for full board in standard shared rooms (you can upgrade to single rooms for an extra fee).

Alghero airport is well connected and is host of several low-cost carriers. So if you book early in advance flights to Alghero are also very very cheap.

We need a rough head count by the end of this week for the hotel reservations. So please let us know \*IMMEDIATELY\* if you plan to attend, even in principle, and how many additional students you might bring with you. Even a quick reply with a "yes I am likely to come" or "sorry I can't this time" is enough for now.

But please do reply now!

Looking forward to seeing you in Sardinia,

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