About us:
The RobotCub consortium is composed of 16 partners, 11 from Europe, 3 from Japan and 2 from the USA. The coordinator is the LIRA-Lab at the University of Genoa, Italy. For more, see www.robotcub.org, or read "RobotCub: An Open Framework for Research in Embodied Cognition" in Humanoids 2004.

Important dates:
Register interest by: 15 March, 2006
Notification: 21 March, 2006
The school: 17-27 July, 2006

Places are limited. We will not be able to offer a place for the 2006 event to everyone who registers interest. Cost per place will be approximately €750 (subject to confirmation). The event is BYOL (Bring Your Own Laptop).

Our website at www.robotcub.org/summerschool gives instructions on how to register.

RobotCub is a project to study cognition through robotics. Along the way, we are creating a completely open design for a humanoid robot – open hardware, open software, open mind. In July 2006, we’re hosting a summer school. All the cool coders in our consortium will be coming, and we’d like you to come too. The hardware designs and software we show will be free and open source, yours to take away. If you have some neat module you wish more people would use, bring it along; we’ll have an integration workshop. Share and enjoy!

Tired of secretive humanoid robotics projects? Wish you could collaborate on a global scale? So do we! And we’re making it happen.

The RobotCub project is having a summer school, and you're invited!

www.robotcub.org/summerschool

Where:
A sea-side villa in Italy, close to the border with France

When:
17-27 July, 2006

Why:
This is an “integration party” for our consortium, and a chance for anyone to learn about (and take) our open designs and software for a baby humanoid robot.
About you

We’re looking for experienced roboticists. Specifically, here’s what we expect:

- Fluency in C++ required (although it is fine to hate it and prefer Java)
- Familiarity with practical robot control desired (ideally you’ve burned out at least one motor in your career)
- You can bring your own laptop, along with a development environment you are comfortable with.

We ask that if you’re interested in the summer school, you send us your CV (see our website at www.robotcub.org/summerschool). Places are limited so we will not be able to accept every applicant this year.

Any questions?

We welcome questions at: summerschool@robotcub.org

Here’s one question we’re already getting:

What does “Veni Vidi Vici” mean?

Veni I came
Vidi I saw
Vici I conquered

These were the words of Julius Caesar, describing his victory over Pharnaces II of Pontus in the Battle of Zela. They are also what we hope you’ll be able to say after the summer school!

About the location

Villa Hanbury a sea-side villa on the Italian side of the French/Italian border. It was created by a wealthy English family and is now managed by the University of Genova. The grounds of the villa are home to a famous botanical garden, i Giardini Hanbury.

This quiet locale, once we augment it with a wireless network, should be perfect for getting some serious work done!

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