Welcome from the HIS 2008 Industrial Track Chairs

It is our great pleasure to welcome you in Barcelona for the International Industrial & Exhibition Track on Open Innovation. This track is held in conjunction with the 8th International Conference on Hybrid Intelligent Systems (HIS2008) that will take place on September 10th, 2008, Barcelona, Spain.

The objective of this track is to improve the communication between the research community and industry with the objective to shorten the gap between the two communities. The aim is to benefit from HIS2008 as a joint forum for both academic and industry research communities. HIS2008 will thus serve as a platform, where research and industry can mutually benefit. Hybrid Intelligent Systems’ areas are gaining more attention as important research topics of R+D of many industries world-wide. Industries using techniques from Soft computing, AI and Multi-agents have increased their benefits and effectiveness in supporting the development of innovative products.

Hybrid Intelligent Technologies are within reach of any size of company. They are the spark that put in motion many innovative start-ups. They are also the complement allowing small and medium enterprises to become more competitive in an always changing globalized economy. Big companies are obliged to take profit of them if they want to ensure a suitable usage of their vast and dispersed resources of knowledge. So, the Industrial Track of HIS 2008 aims also at demonstrating that size does not matter when using hybrid intelligent systems.

A further innovation of this track is to establish and develop the willingness to build an open innovation model between the Academia, Research and Technology Institutes, Administration and Industry as the main actors performing an important role in this joint forum.

The concept of this track is to support and deepen the communication between the research community and industry, by the better understanding of the current research, on the Hybrid Intelligent Systems, and the industrial needs. In addition, in view of increasing importance of international cooperation among competition authorities while the economy is getting globalised, HIS 2008 track has been working on strengthening this relationship and also actively engaging in the works in multilateral frameworks in general.

Therefore scientists and researchers are encouraged to attend the open platform of communication of HIS industrial track, in order to:
- Meet and network with companies of their specialty.
- Discuss their interests and needs with business people and key decision makers.
- Participate and exchange their views with eminent professionals during the networking cocktail.
- Acquire knowledge, discover new directions and develop their career.
- Detect the industrial opportunity for research transfer.

We wish you a very fruitful Industrial Track!

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