Title: Student/Keynote outreach

Conference: ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction

Subject matter: To fund international students speakers and keynote speakers to attend the conference

Funding: $18,000

Expenses details:
  - Doctoral Consortium, international students: $10,000
  - Non-doctoral consortium student speakers: $5,000
  - Keynote speakers (2): $3,000

People: Dr. Phil Cohen (VoiceBox Technologies) & Dr. Zhengyou Zhang (Microsoft Research), General Chairs

Relevance: The funding would be used to support students who are speaking at the conference or Doctoral Consortium, but who have insufficient funds to attend the meeting. Funding would be used to pay the travel and subsistence expenses for Keynote Speakers.

Potential value: Having a diverse set of students, especially international students has been a high priority for ICMI. The students to be funded are either in their doctoral program and learning how to give presentations, or have accepted papers and are having a full conference experience. The keynote speakers are selected to be researchers in neighboring disciplines, providing ICMI attendees with an opportunity to learn new methodologies or other opportunities for research.

Additional funding: We were able to secure significant corporate support for the ICMI conference ($35K) and also NSF funding for US Doctoral Consortium students.