Title: A community-engaging and beneficial funding scheme

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Total Requested: $9,800

Summary

This funding application is mainly on three aspects: 1) to promote communication between students and filed experts at banquet; 2) to facilitate workshop organization; 3) to invite outside speakers for panel discussion.

Student Banquet Opportunities ($3200)

Previous ICMI only include banquet for regular registrations and students have to pay at a high price for additional banquet tickets. However it is a great opportunity for students to socialize with professors and people from the industry, especially after a few days' conference warm-up, the students will get to know each expert's research scope. This time our banquet will be hosted in a place that is listed as the most famous Suzhou cuisine restaurant and fabulous Chinese performance will be provided. We propose to offer 30 students with banquet tickets ($80*40). A registration process will be requested.

Workshop Keynotes ($3600)

This year we are holding three workshops and each one considers inviting several top-notch researchers in the field to give keynote speech, which will definitely promote the workshop attending. We would like to propose a bundle $1200 reimbursement for each workshop then their organizers could consider how to assign the funding. For our workshop entitled "Multimodal Language Acquisition and Communication", five speakers were planned to be invited:

Lori Holt (Carnegie Mellon University) – multimodal learning of sound
Lynette Jones (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) – beyond vibrotactile displays
Charlotte M. Reed (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) – tactile speech communication
Barbara Shinn-Cunningham (Carnegie Mellon University) – neuroscience of hearing
Hong Z. Tan (Purdue University) – hear through the skin

For our "NeuroManagement and Intelligent Computing Method on Multimodal Interaction" workshop, two speakers have been invited:

Prof. Wenyuan Xu, Zhejiang University
Topic: Multimodal Interaction of Intelligent Voice System and Application
Prof. Weihui Dai, Fudan University
Topic: NeuroManagement and Intelligent Computing Method on Multimodal Interaction

Panel Discussion ($3000)

The theme of ICMI 2019 is ' Multimodal representation of human behaviour in context' thus we are organizing a panel discussion on this theme. Since it focuses on human behaviours in context, wee would like to invite social scientists and psychologists who are not in ICMI community to have a discussion with the multimodal experts who regularly attend ICMI. We propose to invite four speakers and reimburse each of them with $750.