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Australian-European ICT Days in Piemonte

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Turin, Italy

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PROGRAMME

This three-day long event will provide a useful opportunity to cover a number of topical issues in information and communications technology (ICT) research and development (R&D) cooperation between Australia and Europe. There will be a particular emphasis on the role of bilateral cooperation — as illustrated by Australian-Italian collaboration. It will also provide an opportunity for the Queensland Government and the Piemonte Region to further develop their collaborative relationship, in so doing providing a case study of the role of “bottom up” regionally based cooperative agreements in facilitating Australian-European R&D cooperation.

To this end, each of the three days will focus on a particular dimension of R&D cooperation.

- Day 1 will focus on the role of bilateral R&D cooperation at the regional level as illustrated by the Piemonte Region – State of Queensland agreement. This will involve an open technical session on cooperation over applications of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) and a closed session outlining the next steps in this regional alliance.
- Day 2 will focus on the role of bilateral R&D cooperation at the national level by considering the nature, extent and future prospects for Australian-Italian R&D cooperation. This will be treated as an example of the contribution of bilateral national cooperation to the wider evolving Australian-European relationship.
- Day 3 will focus on the important cross cutting thematic area of “managing complexity” with particular reference to the extent to which Australian-European cooperation on ICT R&D can assist in addressing this major challenge. Modern internationally inter-dependent nations and economic blocks must now manage highly complex problems in the natural, social, environmental, economic and technological domains. This technical workshop aims to start the process of defining a 10 year cooperative research agenda for work on managing complexity.

Attendance is free of charge and attendees are welcome to participate either on the particular days of interest to them — or on all three days. This event will also provide a useful opportunity for side meetings and general relationship building. The venue will be at the Polytechnic of Turin with additional support provided by the Istituto Superiore Mario Boella.



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Sessions' locations:

Day 1

morning and afternoon: Sala Consiglio di Amministrazione, Politecnico di Torino, Corso Duca degli Abruzzi 24, Torino

www.polito.it/ateneo/siamo/sedi/torino/corso_duca/index.en.html

Day 2

morning: Istituto Superiore Mario Boella, Via Boggio 61, Torino

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afternoon: Salone d'Onore, Castello del Valentino, Politecnico di Torino, Viale Mattioli 39, Torino

www.polito.it/ateneo/siamo/sedi/torino/valentino/index.en.html

dinner: Sala delle Colonne, Castello del Valentino, Politecnico di Torino, Viale Mattioli 39, Torino

www.polito.it/ateneo/siamo/sedi/torino/valentino/index.en.html

Day 3

morning and afternoon: Politecnico di Torino, Corso Duca degli Abruzzi 24, Torino: Aula Magna

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Queensland-Piemonte Region Cooperation Day

Bilateral Policy Meeting & Technical Workshop

- Bilateral Policy Meeting: "Strengthening Queensland-Piemonte cooperation in ICT development"
- Technical Workshop: "The role of enhanced Queensland-Piemonte cooperation in Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Development"

Giorno **1**
Day

Led by: Torino Wireless Foundation/Instituto Superiore Mario Boella (ISMB) & Queensland Government

Location: Torino Polytechnic

Objectives

Bilateral Policy Meeting:

- To consider the current level of cooperation in ICT development between Queensland, with its institutions and businesses, and Piemonte, with its institutions and businesses.
- Highlight the benefits currently being generated, and likely to be generated in the future, by existing Queensland-Piemonte R&D and wider cooperation in ICT.
- To identify gaps and emerging opportunities.
- To agree a forward strategy for enhancing this relationship into the future.

Technical Workshop:

- Map and understand the current level of GNSS activity within and between Queensland institutions and Piemonte institutions, together with wider business links.
- Identify areas of potential cooperation.
- Agree priority areas for future cooperation.

Rationale

Strengthening bilateral R&D and business cooperation in ICT between Queensland, including the Queensland Government, with its institutions and business, and Piemonte, including Piemonte Region, with its institutions and businesses, including capabilities in GNSS.

Activities

Bilateral Policy Meeting:

- An overview presentation on the Queensland Government, with its institutions, and the Piemonte Region, with their institutions, R&D and wider landscape in ICT.
- A discussion of areas of under-exploited potential and priority areas for future cooperation.

Technical Workshop:

- An overview presentation of GNSS activity by Queensland and Piemonte institutions, including existing relationships.
- A series of brief presentations by researchers from Queensland and Piemonte on current research activities and areas of specific interest.
- A discussion on priority areas for future cooperation defining a roadmap and the next steps.

Intended outcomes

- Enhanced R&D cooperation between Queensland and Piemonte researchers, institutions and businesses.
- Material for the development of a new strategy to take the State-to-State relationship between the Piemonte Region and the Queensland Government to a new level of activity for the benefit of ICT development in both regions.





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Program for Day 1, October 29th, 2007

Closed Door Discussion between Piemonte and Queensland delegations

Location: Polytechnic of Turin, Sala CdA

Chairperson of the closed session: Ludovico Ciferri (Torino Wireless Foundation / ISMB)

08:00 to 10:00 Closed Door Discussion between Piemonte and Queensland delegations on the state of co-operation between the two regions.

Discussants will include: Prof. Rodolfo Zich, Torino Wireless Foundation President; Prof. Francesco Profumo, Polytechnic of Turin Rector; Dr. David Barbagallo, Queensland Gov. Ministerial Committee on ICT; and Dr. Matt Higgins, Principal Survey Advisor, Department of Natural Resources and Water, Queensland Gov.

From remote: Ray Kelly, Executive Director, Innovation and Emerging Industries, Queensland Gov.; Paul Russell, Director, Services Sectoral Development, Innovation and Emerging Industries, Queensland Gov.; Mr Greg Schossow, Senior Project Officer, Information Industries Bureau, Queensland Gov.

10:15 Coffee Break

Scientific Session: Cooperation on GNSS Technologies and Applications

Location: Polytechnic of Turin, Sala CdA

Chairperson of the morning session: Dr. Edoardo Calia (ISMB Laboratories Director)

10:30 Opening and welcome (Chairperson)

10:45 An overview of GNSS related activities in Piemont (Dr. Fabio Pasquini, Director of the Galileo Promoting Committee of Piedmont)

11:15 Torino Wireless actions on Galileo: boosting the international cooperation and business (venture capital) opportunities (Prof. Rodolfo Zich, Torino Wireless Foundation President)

11:45 An overview of GNSS related activities in Queensland: possible cooperation areas and business opportunities for research institutions and SMEs (Matt Higgins, representative of the Queensland Government)

12:15 The Galileo time scale and the Galileo PTF: cooperation among research and industry (Dr. Luigi Bragagnini, Director of the Consorzio Torino Time)

12:30 The GAL-PMI Project: Galileo for mobility applications (Dr. Filippo Margary, GAL-PMI Program Manager)

12:45 Lunch break



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Chairperson of the afternoon session: Professor Letizia Lo Presti (NAVSas Laboratory Director)

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| 14:30 | An example of research results on Galileo/EGNOS: the NICE projects (Dr. Fabio Dovis, Member of the NAVSAS Group) |
| 15:00 | R&D activities and results of CSIRO (Dr Garry Einicke Principal Research Scientist at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)) |
| 15:30 | Education on GNSS: creating expertise for innovating (Gabriella Povero, ISMB) |
| 16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:15 | Cooperation opportunities Queensland vs Piemonte: business areas and possible investment strategies in Queensland, Ms Ellie Goodger, Senior Marketing Officer, Queensland Government |
| Trade and Investment Office - Europe, Queensland Government | |
| 16:45 | Open questions (companies vs Queensland representatives) |
| 17:00 | Closing |



Bilateral Policy Meeting

“Strengthening Australian-European R&D Partnerships: the role of enhanced bilateral cooperation between Australia and Italy”

Giorno

Day

2

Led by: FEAST, NICTA, Torino Wireless Foundation and Torino Polytechnic

Location: Istituto Superiore Mario Boella and Torino Polytechnic Valentino Castle

Objectives:

To provide an opportunity to:

- Map and understand the current state of R&D cooperation between Australia and the European Union, and Italy in particular;
- Highlight the benefits currently being generated, and likely to be generated in the future, by existing Australian-Italian R&D cooperation;
- Consider the role of multilateral initiatives such as the EU’s Framework Programme in facilitating bilateral R&D cooperation – such as that between Australia and Italy;
- Consider the role of cooperation between different national regions in building bilateral national R&D cooperation;
- Identify areas of under-exploited potential for cooperation;
- Agree priority areas for future cooperation;
- Highlight more general lessons for bilateral R&D cooperation between Australia and Europe.

Rationale:

Strengthening bilateral R&D cooperation between Australia and individual European nations requires face-to-face contact and a continuing and evolving dialogue. This aspect of cooperation can also involve cooperation between different national regions – building bilateral national cooperation “from the bottom up”. The purpose of this session is to initiate a dialogue on how best to enhance bilateral cooperation between Australia and Europe via a “stock take” of the nature and extent of current Australian-Italian R&D cooperation and by considering the more general lessons that emerge. The intention is that this will mark the start of an intensified focus on strengthening bilateral R&D cooperation between Australia and Europe. The evolution of the cooperative relationship between the State of Queensland and the Regional Government of Piemonte will provide a case study highlighting more general lessons about key success, and risk, factors in this “bottom up” approach to building bilateral cooperation.

Activities

A briefing on Australia’s R&D landscape and possible future developments;

- A briefing on Italy’s R&D landscape and possible future developments;
- A briefing on what is known about current Australian-Italian R&D collaboration and the current and future benefits generated;
- A briefing on the contribution of the EU’s Framework Programme in facilitating Australian-Italian R&D cooperation (if a speaker from the EU is available);
- A briefing on the experience gained to date from the cooperative relationship between the State of Queensland and the Regional Government of Piemonte – and the more general implications for this type of regional cooperative relationship;
- A discussion of areas of under-exploited potential and priority areas for future cooperation.





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Program for Day 2, October 30th, 2007

Research Session: Exploring Opportunities of Bilateral Cooperation in ICT R&D

- Location: Istituto Superiore Mario Boella (ISMB), Via Boggio 61
- 09:30 Opening and welcome (Antonio Strumia, ISMB Director)
- 09:35 Introduction to ISMB and its activities (Dr Edoardo Calia, Director of ISMB Laboratories)
- 10:20 Visit to the Laboratories
- 11:00 Coffee-break
- 11:20 –12:30 Informal meetings with Andrew Lewis, Ralph Dum, Robert Meersman, Chris Scott
- 12:30 Lunch break

Political Session: Cooperation between Australia and Italy in the Field of Research

- Location: Polytechnic of Turin, Valentino Castle, Salone d'Onore
- Chairperson of the session: Prof. Francesco Profumo (Turin Polytechnic Rector)

- 14:30 Opening
- Prof. Francesco Profumo (Turin Polytechnic Rector)
 - Hon. Giuseppina De Santis, Turin Province Minister for Productive Activities and European Programmes' Coordination
 - A Piemonte Region Minister (tbc)
- 14:40 Session 1
- Ralph Dum (FET Programme Coordinator): BIO ICT, Robotics Complex Systems, and Joint Agreements between Australia and European Community
 - Dr Mark Matthews (FEAST Executive Director): An Overview of Australia's Research and Innovation Landscape
 - Emma Barron (NICTA): Australia's ICT Research Environment
 - Chris Scott (NICTA): Australia's ICT Research Strategy
 - David Barbagallo (Queensland Ministerial ICT Advisory Group), Queensland's ICT R&D Policy: The Smart State
 - Prof. Rodolfo Zich (ADiTe President): Italian High-Tech District Network System
 - Prof. Marco Giuseppe Aijmone Marsan (Turin Polytechnic Deputy Rector): Italy's ICT Research Environment (tbc)
 - Edoardo Calia (ISMB): Italy's ICT Research Environment
- 16:45 Coffee break
- 17:10 Session 2
- Prof. Francesco Fedi (COST President): COST's role in the cooperation between Europe and Australia in the field of research
 - Nicola Sasanelli (Italian Embassy in Australia Scientific Attache, A.M.): Bilateral research cooperation between Australia and Italy
 - Ludovico Ciferri (Torino Wireless Foundation / ISMB Japan & Australasia): Regional cooperation between Queensland and Piemonte institutions and organizations (tbc)



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18:10 Round-table discussion: Cooperation between Australia and Italy in the research

Moderator:

- Prof. Francesco Profumo (Turin Polytechnic Rector)

Discussants:

- Dr Mark Matthews (FEAST Executive Director)
- Emma Barron (NICTA)
- Prof. Rodolfo Zich (Torino Wireless Foundation President)
- Prof. Marco Giuseppe Aijmone Marsan (Turin Polytechnic Vice-Rector)
- Prof. Francesco Fedi (COST President)
- Adj. Prof. Nicola Sasanelli (Italian Embassy in Australia Scientific Attache, A.M.)

18:55 Closing

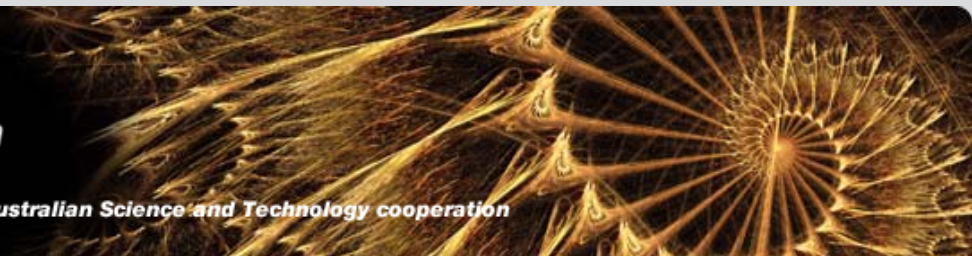
Evening

19:00 Visit of Valentino Castle

20:00 Seated Gala-dinner

Location: Polytechnic of Turin, Valentino Castle, Sala delle Colonne

- Opening by the Hon. Sandra Cioffi, National MP, Foreign Affairs Committee, Chamber of Deputy (confirmed)
- Closing by Piemonte Region Minister (tbc)



Technical Workshop on “Managing Complexity”

Led by: NICTA, FEAST, and Torino Polytechnic

Location: Torino Polytechnic

Giorno

Day

3

Objectives:

- To communicate Australian research capability relevant to managing complexity to a European audience.
- To identify current areas of R&D cooperation between Australia and Europe pertinent to managing complexity.
- To identify areas of research with the potential for enhanced bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation.
- To agree next steps in enhancing this cooperation in the future.

Rationale:

Complexity dominates contemporary life, challenging our capacity to understand and work with many natural, social, economic and technical systems. Examples include the management and diagnosis of large systems (such as a power grid, the flow of traffic in major urban centres and the construction of large software systems) in an efficient and reliable manner

To cope with complexity, fundamental advances in the way complex systems are constructed and managed are necessary. Managing complexity will require the development of efficient and reliable tools and processes that will themselves be necessary to construct, manage and analyse real-world complex systems. ICT now offers a range of powerful capabilities that can be applied to real-world problems. Consequently, ICT can support the development of new tools for analysing, understanding and controlling existing real-world complex systems and processes for constructing new complex systems more efficiently and reliably.

The aim of this workshop is to consider complexity in the context of some key public policy challenges and explore the role of ICT in providing the tools and processes that will form the corner stone of our capacity to manage complexity in our social, technical and economic systems.

Activities:

- An overview of research into managing complexity
- A series of short technical presentations on current Australian and European R&D capability pertinent to the managing complexity challenge (possibility of parallel sessions according to levels of demand).
- A structured and facilitated discussion of opportunities for new cooperative relationships based on considering, in turn, the following tools: formal methods; software design process and platforms; constraint management; optimisation; and, control.
- An opportunity to consider integrated applications of these technical tools.
- A stocktake and wrap-up of the implications and lessons from this technical workshop.

Application area

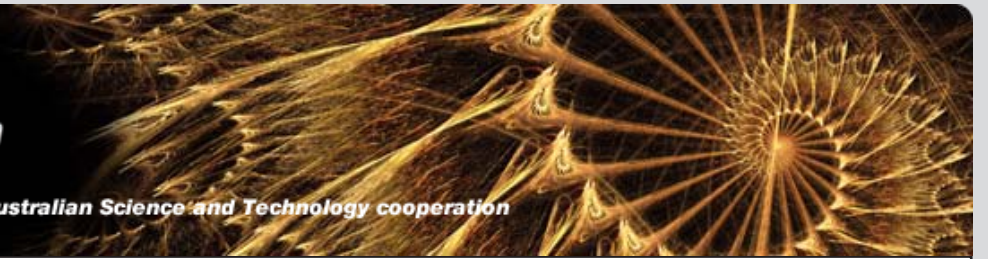
The problems of managing complexity will be approached through three broad areas of applications:

- Urban Planning and Logistics
- Future Software Processes
- Analysing Complex Data Sets
- Air Traffic Control

Intended outcomes:

- New and strengthened relationships between researchers, and between researchers and industry.
- Notes to form the basis of a “scoping paper” outlining a roadmap for future Australian-European research cooperation on managing complexity (NICTA and FEAST to collaborate over preparing this paper following the workshop).





Program for Day 3, October 31st, 2007

Scientific Session: Managing complexity, new scenarios in Australia-EU cooperation

Location: Polytechnic of Turin, Aula Magna

Chairperson of the morning session: Prof. Lamberto Rondoni (Polytechnic of Turin, Mathematics Dept. and Relations with Australian Institutions)

- 9:30 Opening and welcome (Chairperson)
- 9:40 EU complexity landscape : Prof. Pablo Jensen, Ecole Normale Superieure tbc
- 9:55 Urban planning and logistics:
- 9:55 Prof. L. Caneparo, Director High Quality Lab. Territorial Integrated Project, Turin Polytechnic
 - 9:05 Prof. Denise Pumain, Université Paris I, Cybergeo
 - 10:15 Prof. Agata Spaziante, Polytechnic of Turin & Prof. Lidia Diappi, Polytechnic of Milan
- 10:25 Prof. Toby Walsh, NICTA & Univ. New South Wales
- 10:35 Prof. Phil Kilby, NICTA & Australian National University
- 10:45 Session discussion
- 11:05 Coffe break
- 11:25 Future software processes:
- 11:25 Prof. Mario Rasetti, Polytechnic of Turin, Director Graduate School
 - 11:35 Dr. Marco Genovese, National Institute for Metrology
 - 11:45 Prof. Ross Jeffrey, University of New South Wales
 - 11:55 Prof. Alfredo Braunstein, Institute for Scientific Interchange
 - 12:05 Prof. Peter Lindsay, ARC Centre for Complex Systems & University of Queensland
- 12:15 Session discussion
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Analysing complex data sets:
- 14:00 Prof. Robert Williamson, NICTA & Australian National University
 - 14:10 Prof. Sorin Solomon, Hebrew University
 - 14:20 Prof. Rosario Mantegna, University of Palermo
- 14:30 Session discussion
- 14:50 Air traffic control:
- 14:50 Prof. Peter Lindsay, ARC Centre for Complex Systems & University of Queensland
 - 15:00 Boeing representative, Spain (tbc)
- 15:10 Session discussion
- 15:30–16:30 Open discussion, possibility of splitting in 2-3 groups, free aggregation
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:50–17:30 Further discussion, possibility of splitting in 2-3 groups, free aggregation





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