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Dear All,

C:ADM2010 Conference: the next steps

I am writing to update you on several developments.

New options to chose

We have now opened the options for the C:ADM associated events. There are 3 of these.

- 1) The first is the ASC's own meeting. This is primarily (but not exclusively) intended for members of the ASC. It will provide space for members to meet in the manner they have been accustomed to, and also for the General Business Meeting of the Society. See http://www.asc-cybernetics.org/2010/?page_id=285 This sub meeting is being co-ordinated by Stuart Umpleby who can be contacted at umpleby@gmail.com
- 2) The second is a collection of tutorials on cybernetics, particularly developments in cybernetics since about 1970. The exact number and nature of these will depend on who wants to come, so we would appreciate knowing if you would like to participate. See http://www.asc-cybernetics.org/2010/?page_id=287
- 3) The third is the post conference workshop. The workshop is intended to take what we have learnt from the conference and turn it into a way forward, which can be published as a book. The model we have in mind is Mary Catherine Bateson's "Our Own Metaphor". See http://www.hamptonpress.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Product_Code=1-57273-601-1&Category_Code=ST

We are looking for a commitment to take part in this process, which will continue after the workshop for about 6 months. We will be asking you to tell us what you will be bringing, in terms of skills, interests, enthusiasms and so on, because there will be limited places. See http://www.asc-cybernetics.org/2010/?page_id=293

You access these options by clicking on "**your profile**" under "**participate**" in the left column of the web site. The check boxes are at the bottom of the page. Attendance at these events is free.

Papers

You know this is not primarily a conference for presenting papers, and we know many need to present papers in order to obtain funding. So we have constructed a compromise. We have written to all whose paper proposals have been accepted after a blind peer review of extended

abstracts. The task now is to prepare a draft to be placed on the web site for open review for July 6. We expect papers to be reworked to reflect to both the open review and the conference.

The format for final papers will be that used by *Kybernetes*, the journal in which they will be published. See <http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/journals.htm?PHPSESSID=814andr57hukfshv1upm5nv595&id=k>

It is hoped to publish during 2011, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the journal. *Kybernetes* is a prominent journal and publishes papers of high quality. We need to be strict on paper length.

Discussion

We will open our blog soon. This will allow those taking part in the conference to ask questions, meet before the conference and make suggestions. It will also allow the organisers to ask participants for opinions and advice: for instance, on how to organise groups (including chairing and rapporteurs), scheduling and further themes for discussion and whether we should all discuss them all or should “specialise”: and on how to start the conference.

It will also allow us to keep everyone up-to-date with developments.

Accommodation

We are aware that there are problems with booking accommodation. In part this is because of the end of academic year at RPI. We are working on this. I ask you to be patient with us, and to trust me when I tell you there is no shortage of accommodation. I am all too aware of the natural worry this is to everyone: and it also affects me. We have developed a fallback for booking should it be needed, and there really is no shortage of space.

At the moment, we plan on selling food vouchers at the sign in on Friday 30 July, when there will be a party in the evening too welcome participants, and allowing EMPAC to introduce themselves to us.

Standards

We invite you to bring with you a “standard”, in the sense of mediaeval knights, who rode with flags that told everyone who was inside the suit of armour. The standard will be an equivalent of a poster, with a lot of graphic material, that you will take around with you and which will be an initial statement and provide a way of tracking groups. In the evenings, the standards will be parked to make an exhibition. The challenge to you is make a standard (and stand) which you can bring with you! We consider the standards and important (and fun) element of the conference and will send more details later. Meanwhile, here, for those of you who are uncertain, is an image: <http://www.amazon.com/Schleich-Lion-Standard-bearer-Horse/dp/B0009JG6K0>

Best Wishes,

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