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Update/Call - Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference –
Hong Kong, June 11-14, 2009

Dear Friends,

The next Toward a Science of Consciousness conference will be held in Hong Kong on June 11-14, 2009. The theme is Investigating Inner Experience: Brain, Mind, Technology.

Full details are available at the conference website, www.asiaconsciousness.org/TSC.

The conference will include preconference workshops, keynote and plenary talks, plenary panels, concurrent talks, posters, technology exhibits, film screenings, art shows, music and other special performances.

Confirmed speakers include:
David Chalmers
Ben Goertzel
Susan Greenfield
Stuart Hameroff
Victor Lamme
Hakwan Lau
Ken Mogi
Jonathan Schooler
Ovid Tzeng
Gino Yu

Abstracts for Talk or Poster Sessions may be submitted via our online submission system. We have received many excellent abstracts. The abstract submission deadline is February 15th. See https://sbs.arizona.edu/project/consciousness/

Toward a Science of Consciousness - Hong Kong, June 11-14, 2009 is part of the greater Asia Consciousness Festival taking place at Hong Kong Polytechnic University in June. The festival is a series of conferences, workshops, performances, and exhibitions over the course of a month to raise awareness of consciousness trends in Hong Kong and Asia. The events will bring together consciousness leaders spanning neurosciences, psychology, philosophy,
cognitive sciences, entertainment media, education, and spirituality, as well as community members at large interested keenly in bigger questions and quality of life.

Pre-Conference Workshops will be held on June 10th. If you are interested in presenting a workshop, proposals should be submitted by February 15th, (email proposals to alex.parkes@polyu.edu.hk).

Asia Consciousness Festival www.asiaconsciousness.org

- IEEE Conference on Cognitive Informatics - June 15-18
- About Consciousness Conference - June 5-7
- TSC - Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference - June 11-14
- Workshop on Artificial General intelligence - June 14
- IEEE Conference on Cognitive Informatics - June 15-18
- Film Screenings /Special Performances/ Exploring Consciousness Exhibit - June 5-21 including a special performance by Jeff Warren based on his book, Head Trip

Additional Mini-Conferences - focusing on specific topics are also being organized:

- Social Approaches - June 9
- Machine Consciousness - June 14
- Meaningful Media - June 10

The events aim to increase awareness and stimulate interaction and collaboration in all aspects of the study of consciousness. Interactive workshops for personal consciousness exploration are aimed at improving quality of life. Hong Kong has traditionally served as a bridge between east and west as well as a lifestyle trendsetter for Greater China. Our goal is to make a regional and international impact in the study of consciousness.

Looking forward to a great conference experience in Hong Kong.

Happy New Year including the Chinese New Year of the Ox

Best Regards,

Conference Co-Chairs
Gino Yu, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Stuart Hameroff, The University of Arizona
David Chalmers, Australian National University

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