



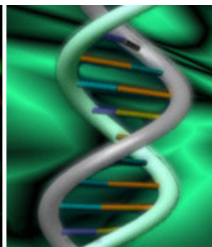
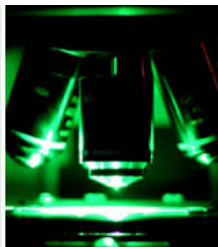
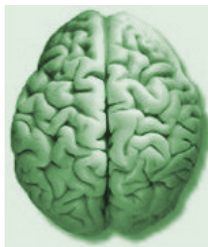
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Welcome from the HIS-NCEI'06 Chairs

We are very pleased to welcome our colleagues to the Sixth International Conference on Hybrid Intelligent Systems and Fourth Conference on Neuro-Computing and Evolving Intelligence (HIS-NCEI 2006), 13 - 15 December 2006 in Auckland, New Zealand. The previous editions of HIS and NCEI series of conferences attracted a wide range of interests with the development of the next generation of intelligent systems and its various practical applications.

Hybridization of intelligent systems is a promising research field of computational intelligence focusing on synergistic combinations of multiple approaches to develop the next generation of intelligent systems. A fundamental stimulus to the investigations of Hybrid Intelligent Systems (HIS) is the awareness that combined approaches will be necessary to be able to solve hard problems in artificial intelligence. Neural computing, machine learning, fuzzy logic, evolutionary algorithms, agent-based methods, quantum computing, among others, have been established and shown their strength and drawbacks. Applications span across all disciplines of Science, Business, Engineering, Medicine, Health, Environment, Social Sciences. Neuro-Computing (NC) is an area of computer science and engineering concerned with the development, implementation, realization and application of computational models that mimic the brain in its main functions of adaptive learning, predictive generalization, and knowledge discovery. Using NC and hybrid system to build intelligent systems that evolve their structure, their functionality and their knowledge representation over time through interaction with the environment, called evolving intelligence (EI) is a major focus of the conference.

The three days event will include tutorials, invited talks, oral presentations, poster presentations and various demonstrations of neuro-computing and hybrid systems for : bioinformatics and biomedical applications, biometric and security, brain study and cognitive engineering, agriculture, environment, decision support, business and finance, speech-, image- and multimodal information processing, process control, arts and design. HIS-NCEI'06 is focused on the following main topics:

- Novel neurocomputing methods
- Novel methods of soft computing for adaptive modeling and knowledge discovery
- Methods of evolving intelligence (EI)
- Novel methods for Hybrid intelligent systems (HIS)
- Hybrid NN-, fuzzy-, evolutionary- algorithms
- Cellular automata
- Artificial Life systems
- Evolving molecular processes and their modeling
- Evolving processes in the brain and their modeling
- Evolving language and cognition
- Molecular computing
- Quantum information processing
- Quantum inspired computational intelligence
- HIS for neuro-informatics
- HIS for Bioinformatics
- Adaptive speech, image and multimodal processing
- Adaptive decision support systems
- Dynamic time-series modeling
- Adaptive control

- Adaptive intelligent systems on the WWW
- Applications in: Medicine, Health, Information Technologies, Horticulture, Agriculture, Bio-security, Business and finance, Process and robot control, Arts and Design.
- Adaptive integrated/embedded systems for EI
- Agent based systems for EI

The HIS-NCEI'06 program committee represented 23 countries on 5 continents and received over 150 full paper submissions. All papers were refereed by at least three independent referees and, in some uncertain cases the number of referees was up to five. Based on the referee's reports, the Program Committee selected about 70 papers. The high quality accepted papers clearly represents the international importance of the theme of the conference. We would like to thank the HIS-NCEI'06 international program committee and the additional reviewers for providing the reviews in time. The plenary talks are much focused and are presented by outstanding experts from the area. We believe all participants will enjoy and benefit from them. Tutorials focused on latest research topics will be delivered by leading researchers in the field and each will be a half-day long. It is certain that these tutorials will be very useful to students, practitioners and other researchers, as well. Our special thanks also go to all the plenary and tutorial speakers for providing the very interesting and informed talks to catalyze subsequent discussions.

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