THE COMPUTING COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM: CATALYZING AND ENABLING COMPUTING RESEARCH

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SOME MOTIVATING QUESTIONS

- How do we energize the community around "big ideas" that will create excitement and energy around computing and computational research?
- How do we shape and articulate our relevance to national priorities?
- How do we communicate these ideas, as a community, to science policy and funding leadership?



OUR MISSION

The **mission** of Computing Research Association's Computing Community Consortium (CCC) is to: **catalyze** the computing research community and **enable** the pursuit of innovative, high-impact research.

CCC conducts activities that **strengthen** the research community, **articulate** compelling **research visions**, and **align** those visions with pressing **national and global challenges**.

CCC **communicates** the importance of those visions to **policymakers**, government and **industry stakeholders**, the **public**, and the **research community** itself.



WHAT DO WE DO?

Community-initiated visioning:

- Workshops to discuss "out-of-the-box" ideas
- Blue Sky Ideas tracks at conferences

Outreach to White House, funding agencies:

- Outputs of visioning activities
- Short reports to inform policy makers
- Task Forces Computing in the Physical World, Convergence of Data and Computing, Healthcare, Industry, Privacy, Education





Communicating CS Research:

- CCC Blog [http://cccblog.org/]
- Computing Research in Action Video Series
- Research "Highlight of the Week"
- "The Impact of NITRD" symposium

Nurturing the next generation of leaders:

- Computing Innovation Fellows Project
- Leadership in Science Policy Institute
- Postdoc Best Practices Program



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WHAT DISTINGUISHES CCC?

- Proactive, rapid response
 - Identify, plan, and execute in a matter of weeks to months
- Community-based
 - Find and foster ideas from germination to fruition and beyond
- Leadership incubator
 - Everyone is expected to do something!



VISIONING GOALS

- Shape new directions within and across communities involved with computer science
- Communicate the excitement and promise of CS research to stakeholders





CATALYZING AND ENABLING: ROBOTICS



4 meetings during summer 2008

Roadmap published May 2009

Extensive discussions between visioning leaders & agencies OSTP issues directive to all agencies in summer 2010 to include robotics in FY 12 budgets

> Henrik Chistensen Georgia Tech



But they could do even more, and that's what the National Robotics Initiative is all about. So to (the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, NASA, and the United Sta Agriculture) are issuing a joint solicitation that will provide up to \$70 million in research fundin generation robotics.

The focus of this initiative is on developing robots that work with or beside people to extend or capabilities, taking advantage of the different strengths of humans and robots. In addition to ir technology needed for next-generation robotics, the initiative will support applications such as

National Robotics Initiative announced in summer 2011

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CATALYZING AND ENABLING: HEALTH IT





National Science Foundation HERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering

SMART HEALTH AND WELLBEING (SHW)

CONTACTS

See program guidelines for contact information.

SYNOPSIS

Smart and Connected Health (SCH)

PROGRAM SOLICITATION NSF 13-543

REPLACES DOCUMENT(S): NSF 12-512



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October 2012 Workshop

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Don't talk about research you've done, talk about ideas and aspirations for the field
- Think out of the box and across boundaries meet new people and generate new ideas!
- Produce something that will "move the needle" by creating new ideas and avenues for discourse.

HAVE FUN!



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