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To: Ben Goertzel
Subject: Re: Singularity Summit and followup workshop

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On Aug 17, 2009, at 1:22 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Jeffrey,
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> BTW I think I mentioned this to you before, but you may be interested
> in the Singularity Summit which is a conference in NY Oct 3-4
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> <http://www.singularitysummit.com/>
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> Also, there will be a small-scale workshop on Oct 5 and the morning of
> Oct 6, which will be restricted to the **speakers** at the Summit,
> plus perhaps a handful of others. If you have interest in attending
> all or part of this workshop, let me know; you'd be welcome. This
> might be more your speed than the main conference as it will be
> "brilliant people only" and more discussion-oriented....
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> I'll be giving a talk on my AI and bioinformatics projects at the
> Summit, and there's at least some chance this will arouse some
> investor/donor interest ... who knows. Also, Dan Stoicescu, the guy I
> mentioned who funded Novamente for a while this year, *may* be at the
> Summit and follow-up discussions (though I can't be sure as he's been
> very elusive lately)....
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> Also, apart from the Summit, if you want to get together F2F that
> interval would be convenient for me as I'll be in NY anyway...
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> -- Ben
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> P.S.
> I thought a moment more about your question of "why AGI can't get
> traction."
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> I think that once one AGI project achieves a sufficiently interesting
> result, then we'll all-of-a-sudden see AGI getting a *hell of a lot*
> of traction. But I think my project is maybe \$250K-\$600K and 2-3
> years away from getting that kind of kick-ass result. This is what
> the project plan I sent you N months ago was about.
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> What is needed is for one AGI project (like mine ;-) to get funded

> consistently for a few years, so that a system doing basic integrated
> language/learning reasoning can be demonstrated. Then the world will
> pay attention and the funding will pour in from all sorts of sources.
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> And like I said, without my project being funded overall, what I can
> do is to do mathematical work to refine my design and theory, so that
> when the funding does come, the work will be smoother and smaller..
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> --
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> Director of Research, SIAI
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> "Truth is a pathless land" -- Jiddu Krishnamurti
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