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Sent: Friday, April 6, 2012 12:37 AM
To: Ben Goertzel
Subject: Re: "Coping with Future Catastrophes" conference: suggestions

Ok

Sorry for all the typos .Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2012, at 8:31 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Hi Jeffrey,
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> I'll send you an update on my AGI project (which is going reasonably
> well) sometime soon, but what occasioned this email was reading the
> press release for your upcoming meeting on global risks in Dubai:
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> <http://www.pr.com/press-release/403599>
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> This topic interests me a lot as you probably know ... attached find
> an almost-final version of a paper on how to mitigate the potential
> risks of advanced AGI systems, which is going to be published shortly
> in the Journal of Evolution and Technology.
>
> So if you see fit, it would be great for you to reserve a slot for me
> at the Dubai meeting. ;-)
>
> Also, I have some other suggestions for you...
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> You might want to consider inviting Steve Omohundro, who has written
> some pretty insightful stuff about the potential existential risks
> posed by AGI.... His paper on Basic AI Drives is a good one
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> <http://selfawaresystems.com/2007/11/30/paper-on-the-basic-ai-drives/>
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> and I suspect it will appeal to you. Steve and I gave talks together
> with Larry Krauss (whom it seems you know) at the Singularity Summit
> Australia last year...
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> There're also the Singularity Institute for AI guys, who are obsessed
> with the topic of AGI and existential risk. Some of the SIAI guys are
> too kooky for my taste; but Luke Muelhauser, their director, is
> reasonably solid..
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> <http://singinst.org/aboutus/team>
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> Another very obvious suggestion is Nick Bostrom, who coined the term
> "existential risks", and heads the Future of Humanity Institute at

> Oxford. We're actually having our AGI 2012 conference at Oxford, and
> alongside the technical AGI presentations we'll have some discussions
> with Nick and his Oxford philosophy team on AGI-related "future
> catastrophe" stuff.
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> Finally Paul Werbos
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> <http://www.werbos.com/>
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> is a brilliant cross-disciplinary scientist who knows a hell of a lot
> about the risks facing humanity on all levels, due to his position
> with the NSF. He's a rare case of a guy who's a broad-minded, wildly
> imaginative thinker and ALSO very tight w/ US government science,
> engineering, military, intelligence, etc.
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> These folks all represent a community that has thought about, and
> discussed, the "future catastrophes" issue quite a lot, and probably
> would have a lot to add to your Future Catastrophes conference.
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> And as I said, more on the AGI work a little later ;)
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> thanks much
> Ben
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> --
> Ben Goertzel, PhD
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> "My humanity is a constant self-overcoming" -- Friedrich Nietzsche
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