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**From:** Jeffrey <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2012 12:48 AM  
**To:** Ben Goertzel  
**Subject:** Re: "Coping with Future Catastrophes" conference: suggestions

Great

Sorry for all the typos .Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2012, at 8:44 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Hah ... cool, thanks for the quick reply ;)

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> BTW, I'm spending most of my time in Hong Kong now, where my little

> AGI team is located. But I'll be back in the US for the end of May

> and all of June, so if you have time maybe we can briefly get together

> then so I can update you on progress toward AGI. Anyway I'll ping you

> closer to that time to see if you may be available...

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> ben

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> On Fri, Apr 6, 2012 at 9:36 AM, Jeffrey <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

>> Ok

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>> Sorry for all the typos .Sent from my iPhone

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

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>>> 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.

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>>> So if you see fit, it would be great for you to reserve a slot for

>>> me at the Dubai meeting. ;-)

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>>> 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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