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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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