Joint Directors Workshop

Edinburgh (Scotland), Monday morning, June 16, 2008
In cooperation with the Summer Computer Simulation Conference, June 16-19, 2008
(Participants of the SummerSim who are non-members of either M&SNet or MISS are welcome as observers)

Approaching the Effective Cooperation

McLeod Modeling and Simulation Network (M&SNet) and McLeod Institute of Simulation Sciences (MISS) are two organizations of the Society for Modeling and Simulation International (SCS). MISS is also a founding member organization of the M&SNet. With their hundreds of eminent researchers from several continents and countries, they provide an ideal platform for joint advanced professional activities in M&S.

The Workshop provides to Member Organizations and Affiliated Centers, an intersection point of researches and to external applicants, a research access point to the science and engineering of M&S.

This Directors Workshop will have two parts:

In the first half, the Directors of MISS centers will make presentations

Aim: The directors or the representatives of the McLeod Institute of Simulation Sciences (MISS) centers will give presentations of their activities. Based on the presentations and the annual reports the activities will be discussed.

It is an important aim of the meeting to try to initiate joint R&D projects with the participation of more MISS centers which may be submitted to the EU or as Transatlantic projects.

The fact that the Joint Directors Workshop will be held consecutively so that the representatives of the M&SNet will be present may provide the possibility to form consortiums where members of both networks may participate.

Agenda:
* Presentations of the annual reports of the MISS centers
* Discussion of the presentations and of possible joint R&D projects providing the possibilities of forming consortiums

In the second half, the Directors of M&SNet member organizations will make presentations

Aim: The McLeod Modeling and Simulation Network (M&SNet) is a world-wide consortium of 14 independent organizations. A young and active network (founded in 2003) of researchers, academicians, and practitioners devoted to support the continuous improvement in the discipline of Modeling & Simulation.

Its continuing mission is to search for innovative ways to use M&S as well as innovative domains of application and to disseminate M&S principles and knowledge (theoretical, technological, and ethical).

It is aimed to create an evolving framework for sharing experience and knowledge in which participants have the possibility of effective cooperation: knowledge exchange for successful collaborations.

Agenda: The workshop agenda includes the following activities, nevertheless different ideas are welcome:
* M&SNet on going activities: SimDic, SimSummit, Formation of SCS Student Chapters
* Improve cooperation in M&SNet
  (For effective planning please contact the co-organizers, your intention to participate and/or to make a presentation.)

Organizers:
* Prof. Andras Javor, Director of MISS, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary
* Prof. Stefano Saetta, Co-Vice-Director of MISS, University of Perugia, Italy
* Prof. Mhamed Itmi, Co-Vice-Director of MISS, National Institute of Applied Sciences, France

Co-Organizers: • Prof. Tuncer Ören, Founding Director of M&SNet, University of Ottawa Canada
• Dr. Mike McGinnis, Vice-Director of M&SNet and Executive Director of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, VMASC, USA
• Dr. Francesco Longo, Director of the Modeling & Simulation Center – Laboratory of Enterprise Solutions, MSC-LES (of M&SNet), Italy