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Meeting 11

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Zoom Meeting

Developing Curricula for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (DeCAIR)
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Attendance

- Gheith Abandah
 - Wafa Batayneh
 - Murad Alaqtash
 - Clovis Francis
 - Alaa Daher for ~~Soubhi Abou-Chahine~~
 - ~~Lucia Palottino~~ (Sent her report to Gheith)
 - Francesco Masulli
 - Jorge Casillas
 - Peter Eberhard
 - Dimos Papakonstantinou
- Also: Iyad, Ramzi, Mohammad, Mario, Musa, Adham, Ashraf

Agenda

- Status review and planning for the following work packages:
 1. WP7: Building capacity in AIR in universities of Partner Countries
 - Presented by **Lucia**
 2. WP8: Establishing and developing AIR labs
 - Presented by **Sobhi**
 3. WP10: Quality assurance
 - Presented by **Sofia**
 4. WP11: Collaboration with industry and community
 - Presented by **Clovis** and **Iyad**
- Status of approving changes of updated MSc and BSc programs
 - Presented by **Gheith, Musa, Clovis, and Sobhi**
- Scheduling the next SC meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

1. WP7: Building capacity in AIR in universities of Partner Countries

- Gheith presented the report sent to him by Lucia.
- The report summarized the three finished training courses and the fourth course (Intro. to Data Science) organized by UGR.
- The report confirmed two scheduled training courses in UNIGE from 12-20/7/2022 (Deep Learning and Computer Vision).
- The report suggested four future training courses:
 - **Advanced data science** (Jorge Casillas, UGR) - @GRANADA and ONLINE June 2022
 - **Computational Intelligence** (Jorge Casillas, UGR) - TBD
 - **Fundamental of Robotics** (TBD, UNIPI) - @Jordan – June/July seems full... August/September?
 - **Advanced robotics systems** control (TBD, UNIPI) - TBS – October or next Spring?

1. WP7: Building capacity in AIR in universities of Partner Countries

- It was agreed to start coordinating for UNIGE courses in July 2022 as soon as possible
- Peter invited the SC to hold a meeting at UST in Summer 2022. The visit would also include training about relevant labs in UST.
- It was suggested that the Computational Intelligence course by UGR is done before the Advanced DS course.
- The suggested training for the period May-Sep 2022 that need planning and coordination are:
 - UGR Computational Intelligence
 - UNIFI Fundamentals of Robotics
 - UNIGE Deep Learning and Computer Vision
 - UST Labs

2. WP8: Establishing and developing AIR labs

- Gheith summarized the progress for buying the equipment for the Jordanian universities:
 - Finalized buying 2/3 of equipment
 - Some equipment was delivered to UJ
 - Started purchase procedures for the remaining equipment
- Gheith reported from Sobhi the progress in BAU:
 - Got offers for all items from 4 companies
 - Some items got fewer than three companies
 - The lab space is ready
 - Ready to contract the company of the best offer

3. WP10: Quality assurance

- Dimos informed the SC that the QA report will be sent by email later.

4. WP11: Collaboration with industry and community

- Clovis briefed about the workshop that was organized in Beirut on 2/3/2022.
- Iyad briefed about the plans for the second workshop that will be held in Amman on 31/3/2022.

Status of approving changes of updated MSc and BSc programs

University	Program	Status
UJ	BSc in Computer Engineering	Approved by the department and faculty. Pending approval at the university level.
UJ	MSc in Computer Engineering and Networks	Approved by the department. Pending approval at the faculty and university levels.
UJ	BSc in Mechatronics Engineering	Approved by the department and faculty. Pending approval at the university level.

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University	Program	Status
LU	BSc in Electrical Engineering	Approved by the curricula committee and faculty counsel.
LU	MSc in Mechanical Engineering	Approved by MSc Coordination Committee and Faculty Counsel.
BAU	BSc in Computer Engineering Track in AI	Approved by the faculty and university.
BAU	BSc in Biomedical Engineering	Course update
BAU	MSc in Computer Engineering	Approved by the faculty and university.

Next Meeting

- The time for the next meeting will be polled for the period 23-27 May 2022.

Thank you

- The meeting ended in 5:10 pm.