

## **COST Action LUDI: First Call for Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)**

### **Objective**

Strengthening the network by allowing researchers and practitioners to go to an institution's premises in another COST Country is one of the actions supported by the COST Program.

STSMs are particularly intended for Early Stage Researchers and Practitioners, but any LUDI member or other people interested in the theme can apply.

### **HOST INSTITUTION**

**Name** \_\_\_Cyprus Interaction Lab, Cyprus University of Technology

<http://www.cyprusinteractionlab.com>

**Address** \_\_30 Archbishop Kyprianou Str., 3036 Lemesos, Cyprus\_\_

**Main mission (eg: research in..., rehabilitation, recreation centre, users' association, ...)** \_\_\_\_\_

The Cyprus Interaction Lab (<http://www.cyprusinteractionlab.com>) of the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts of the Cyprus University of Technology studies the interaction of people with technology in various fields. The lab aims to understand and enhance users' experience and interaction with technology.

Research in the Cyprus Interaction Lab revolves around two main research themes: 1) Human Computer Interaction and Inclusive Design and 2) Instructional Technology and Social Computing. Research topics include:

- Human Computer Interaction (HCI)
- Computer Mediated Communication (CMC)
- Computer Supported Collaborative Learning (CSCL)
- Computer Supported Collaborative Work (CSCW)
- Inclusive Design/Accessibility
- Social Aspects of Computing
- Computer Games and their social and pedagogical dimensions
- Technology-enhanced learning
- Technology integration in K-20

The lab has a specially equipped usability laboratory designed for running user evaluations in a comfortable environment which is configured with state-of-the-art equipment.

### **Scientific Activity proposed by the Host Institution (max 130 words)**

(It should be strictly related to the LUDI objectives and purposes)

- Use of NAO Robot as a mediator for play for children with Autism

- Ethnography studies in investigating online games for children with disabilities
- Development of design guidelines for designing online games for children with disabilities
- Investigate the use of engine ([www.engine.com](http://www.engine.com)) blocks for play for children with disabilities.

### **Duration proposed by the Host Institution**

(According to COST Rules: from 5 to 90 working days)

Any duration (5-90 working days)

### **Dates proposed by the Host Institution**

Any

### **Deadline for applying the Call proposed by Host Institution**

Any

### **Eligibility**

Postgraduate students or postdoctoral fellows or staff members in an institution actively participating in the COST ACTION. Early Stage Researchers (less than 8 years after the PhD) or equivalent for professionals who does not have a PhD will be prioritized.

### **Financial Support**

A fixed grant of maximum 1800 euros, as approved by the Action Management Committee. The total amount granted will depend on the length of the stay and the amount of STSMs proposals submitted in relation with the available budget.

### **Documents requested to the Applicants by the Host Institution**

Please attach to this form: a) a motivation letter (2 pages maximum); b) an updated CV.

### **Application procedure**

The interested applicants should send the requested documents to apply for a STSM to a Committee formed by:

- STSM Coordinator: Tatjana Zorcec; email: [tzorcec@gmail.com](mailto:tzorcec@gmail.com)
- Action Member affiliated to the Host Institution
  - name Panayiotis Zaphiris
  - email: [pzaphiri@cyprusinteractionlab.com](mailto:pzaphiri@cyprusinteractionlab.com)
- Action Chair, Serenella Besio, email: [ludi@univda.it](mailto:ludi@univda.it)
- Vice-Chair, Pedro Encarnação, email: [pme@ucp.pt](mailto:pme@ucp.pt)

### **Selection procedure**

The Committee will assess the applications according to the relevancy of the candidatures to the scientific objectives of the COST Action LUDI TD1309 and particularly to the Scientific Activity proposed by the Host Institution.

Each application will be assessed and the results will be published on the LUDI website and communicated to the successful applicant.

**Further Details**

The successful applicants and the Host Institution are expected to read carefully the Q&A section concerning the STSM on the LUDI website.

For any additional information they can contact the STSM Coordinator: Tatjana Zorcec; email: *tzorcec@gmail.com*.