PGRs Monthly meeting

April 2016

TODAY

- Joao Santos (Research Presentation):
- A quick look at the new "PGRs Management System",
- PGRs Blog.
- Discussion of the activities plan.
- Update and plan for the "Showcase Event"
- Announcements, AOB, & closing

Welcome

Welcome to any new PGR member.

PGRs presentations

Joao Santos (Research Presentation):

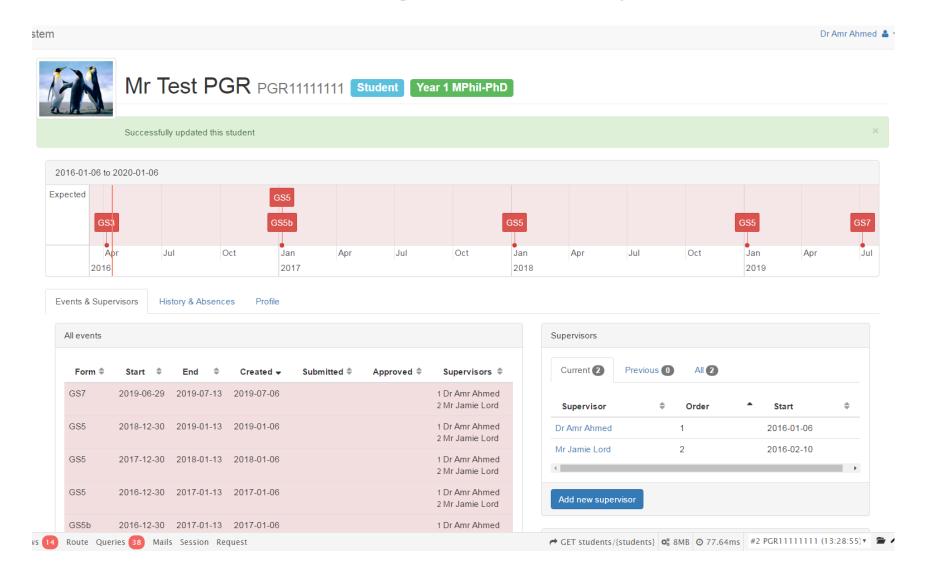
Title: Life-long Spatio-temporal Exploration of Dynamic Environments: An overview.

Abstract: The primary purpose of robotic exploration is to autonomously acquire a complete and precise model of the robot's operational environment. To explore efficiently, the robot has to direct its attention to environment areas that are currently unknown. If the world was static, these areas would simply correspond to previously unvisited locations. In the case of dynamic environments, visiting all locations only once is not enough, because they may change over time. Thus, dynamic exploration requires that the environment locations are revisited and their (re-) observations are used to update a dynamic environment model. However, revisiting the individual locations with the same frequency and on a regular basis is not efficient because the environment dynamics will, in general, not be homegeneous, (i.e. certain areas change more often and the changes occur only at certain times). Similarly to the static environment exploration, the robot should revisit only the areas whose states are unknown at the time of the planned visits. Thus, the robot has to use its environment model to predict the uncertainty of the individual locations over time and use these predictions to plan observations that from a theoretical point of view improve its knowledge about the world's dynamics. Hence, the observations are scheduled in order to obtain information about the environment changes, which are mainly caused by human-activity. As a consequence, using schedules motivated by the changes in metric maps increases the chance to extract dynamics that are essential for object learning and activity recording tasks.

PGRs Management System

http://pgr.network.uni/

PGR Management System



PGR Management System

Dr Amr Ahmed 🆀 🔻

Administrator Dashboard

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Current year Mode of study **UKBA** status Funding type Enrolment status Awards EU 15% Withdrawn Year 1 19% MPhil 32% MSc 30% Year 4 19% Unil Scholarship Year 2 24% 56% Enrolled 66% Self funding Year 3 31% MPhil-PhD









PGR Management System



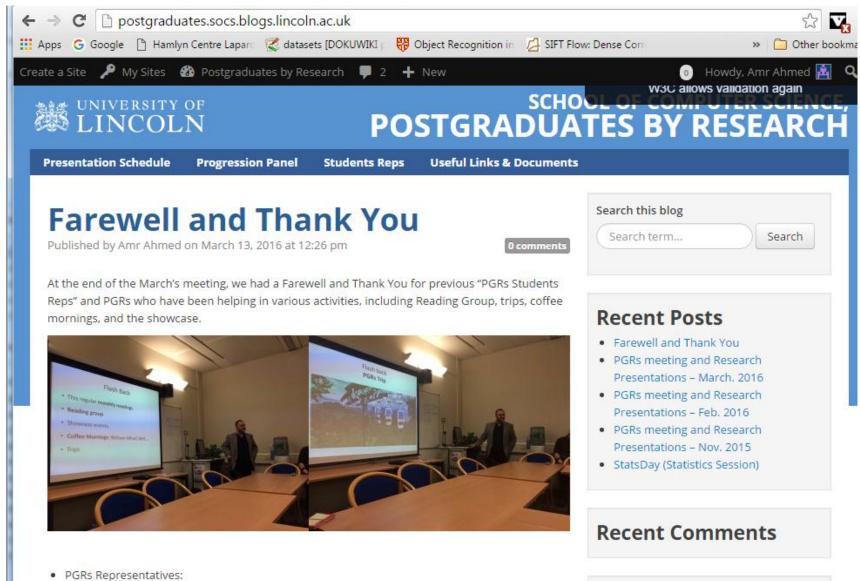




PGRs Blog

http://postgraduates.socs.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/

PGR Blog



Activities Plan

Flash Back

- This regular monthly meetings.
- Reading group.
- Showcase events.
- Coffee Mornings: Witham Wharf, MHT,...
- Trips

Flash back **Showcase Event**



































Flash back **PGRs Trip**



MORE....

- Improving the regular sessions:
 - more demos and hands-on tutorials:
 - ROS (Robotics Operating System),
 - Kinect,etc.
 - Repeating the useful sessions such as "Latex", Matlab, and Weka (and similar Machine Learning tools) regularly, especially for new entry PGRs.
 - Spoke to staff colleagues to contribute to these sessions, including e.g.:
 - "Parallel Computing" (which has been provisionally agreed upon to run in the summer).
 - Machine Learning

Showcase Event

Flash back **Showcase Event**



































5th May 2016 **Showcase Event**





















5th May 2016 **Showcase Event**

Sign up for:

- Presenting (Demo and/or Poster)
- Helping (before/on/after the day)

















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 - New.
 - Established the Panel.
 - Working smoothly.

New PGRs Program Leader.

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- New PGRs Program Leader.
 - Dr Massoud Zolgharni

- New Chair of the School Progression Panel
 - Dr Marc Hanheide

 Any feedback on the PGR forms → email Jane (CC me please to follow up)

- Annual Showcase Event 5th May 2016:
 - Sign up for video/interactive demo (or Poster and/or presentation)
 - Sign up for helping (before, during and after the event)

AOB?

THANK YOU