iSocial Research Meeting

Steningevik, Stockholm

Feb 4-5, 2014

Schedule for today

	Tuesday, Feb 4
8:00-9:00	Breakfast, Coffee, Arrival of participants from KTH and Peerialism
9:00-9:45	**Overview of the project, issues, Online Courses, Upcoming Events, Summer school planning (Sarunas) Administration and Finance (Connie)**
9:45-10:45	**Fellow Presentations (Architecture UCY-KTH)**
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:45	**Fellow Presentations (Architecture UCY-KTH cont.)**
12:45-14:15	Lunch
14:15-16:00	**Fellow Presentations (Data trace collection UB)**
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-18:00	**Fellow Presentations (Ensemble learning, Trust & Security INSUB-KTH)**
19:00	Social Dinner
21:00	Sauna

Schedule for Tomorrow

	Wednesday, Feb 5
9:00-10:45	**Fellow Presentations (FORTH)**
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:45	**Fellow Presentations (PEER, IBM)**
12:45-14:15	Lunch
14:15-16:00	**Discussion of Research agenda, other open questions**
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-18:00	**Discussion (cont.) and closing of the meeting**

Progress Report (M12)

- Some Feedback from the PO
  - *Some **minor deviations from the original plan** (Annex I) occurred but they are well justified (delays in start dates due to visa issues or on-going master thesis, swap of ESR/ER positions between IBM and KTH, as agreed by REA).*
  - *-Secondment: no information is provided at this stage, probably for one of the two following reasons: either no secondment took place yet or no change has been performed in comparison to the original plan established in Annex I. At any case, **an update should be provided in the next report to be submitted**.*

Feedback from the PO (cont.)

- *The report mentions some communication and dissemination tools: the **project website, which is very well structured and user-friendly** and the first workshop, attended by 30 researchers external to the network and for which some dissemination material was produced (fellows' posters).*

- *To conclude, the iSOCIAL **Progress Report for Period 1 is accepted**. The report is clear and well structured; it provides a good overview on project current state of play.*

- *The only general suggestion to be made in view of the next report to be submitted (periodic) is to attach some **supporting documents (meetings minutes, fellows' posters, list of publications etc.).** But otherwise, the rest is fine. I therefore would like to thank and congratulate you for the work performed with this report.*

To Do

- iSocial Fellows
  - All ESRs are employed
    - KTH exchanged ER with IBM's ESR
  - *4 more ERs to go: (UCY, UB, IBMx2)*
- *Internships for 2014 (ASAP)*
  - The PO allowed for the fellows who can't enter Israel to perform internships elsewhere
  - Commitment letter required from the outside institution
    - Anis is going to Yahoo! Barcelona

To Do: Events

- **1 Workshop on "Complex Systems" UB M6 /(1 day) Barcelona**
- **2 Online course on "Distributed Systems" KTH M7-M12 ---**
    - **Ongoing, all fellows should take it!.**
- **3 Summer School on "Distributed Technologies for Social Networks" KTH M12/(3 days) Stockholm**
    - **Dates fixed: June 3-4 (might extend one more day?)**
    - **Speakers fixed (might add few more)**

- *4 Online course on "Internet Infrastructures for OSNs" UCY M12-17 ---*
- *5 Online course on "Data and Network security" INSUB M13-M18 ---*
- *6 Online course on "Privacy-aware data management" INSUB M19-M24 ---*

- *7 Workshop on "Simulation and Modelling of OSN Infrastructures" UCY M24/(1 day) Nicosia*
    - *We should start planning!*
- 8 Online course on "Distributed Computing, Peer-to-Peer and GRIDS" KTH M25-M30 ---
- 9 Workshop on "Content Distribution for OSNs" FORTH M32/(1 day) Heraklion
- 10 Online course on "Complex Networks" UB M31-M36 ---
- 11 Summer School on "Security and Privacy in Social Networks" INSUB M36/(3 days) Como
- 12 Online course on "Advanced Topics in Distributed Systems" KTH M37-M42 ---
- 13 Conference on "iSocial: Decentralized Social Networks" FORTH M46/(2 days) Heraklion

Summer School in Stockholm

Invited Speakers:

- Matteo Magnani, Uppsala University, Sweden (Bio, Abstract)
- Ingo Scholtes, ETHZ, Switzerland (Bio, Abstract)
- Danny Bickson, CMU, USA (Bio, Abstract)
- Ricardo Baeza-Yates, Yahoo! Research Labs at Barcelona, Spain (Bio, Abstract)
- Anwitaman Datta, NTU Singapore (Bio, Abstract)
- Parisa Haghani, Google New York, Google Maps team (Bio, Abstract)
- Saman Zonouz, University of Miami, USA (Bio, Abstract)
- Sonja Buchegger, KTH, Sweden (Bio, Abstract)

Speakers that would like to join:
- Dionysios Logothetis (Telefonica)
    - on machine learning and graph minig based on Giraph
- David Huffaker (Google)

No seminars
- Pankaj Mehra (Fusion-io)
- Gianmarco De Francisci Morales (Yahoo!)

- Renato Figueiredo (assoc prof at the Univ. Of Florida)
    - Worsk on DOSNs (socialVPN, IP over P2P)

Schedule and Practical Issues

	Monday, June 2	Tuesday, June 3	Wednesday, June 4
8:00-9:00		Anwitaman Datta (NTU Singapore)	Sonja Buchegger (KTH, Sweden)
9:00-10:00	Ricardo Baeza-Yates (Yahoo! Barcelona)	Matteo Magnani,(Uppsala University) (Tutorial)	Saman Zonouz (University of Miami)
	Coffee Break		
10:30-12:30	Ingo Scholtes (ETHZ) (Tutorial)	Matteo Magnani,(Uppsala University) (Tutorial (cont.))	Short PhD student presentations/ (parallel sessions among iSocial and EMJD-DC students)
	Lunch		
14:00-16:00	Ingo Scholtes (ETHZ) (Tutorial (cont.))	Parisa Haghani (Google New York, Google Maps team) Danny Bickson, CMU, USA (Tutorial on GraphLab)	Short PhD student presentations/ (parallel sessions among iSocial and EMJD-DC students)
	Coffee Break		
16:30-18:30	Ingo Scholtes (ETHZ) (Tutorial (cont.))	Danny Bickson, CMU, USA (Tutorial on GraphLab) cont.	Mentored Session*
	Dinner		

Schedule and Practical Issues (cont.)

- Together with Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate program in Distributed Computing (http://emjd-dc.eu/)
  - ~40 atendees (~25 PhD studetns)
- Private or Closed?
- 3 or 4 days?
  - Shall we have a meeting afterwards?

iSocial Plan

Table B.4.3 iSocial Plan

Project Month	Milestones (Participants)	Deliverables	Project Year
1	M1 Project Web site established (**KTH**) M2 Kick-off Meeting M3 Recruitment advertisement placed (**ALL**)	D1: Consortium Agreement D2: Web site	
6	M4 Outreach activity plan (**ALL**) M5 **Workshop** "Content Distribution for OSNs" (**FORTH**, KTH, INSUB, UB, UCY, IBM, PEER, TELEF, FNET) M6 Recruitment meeting (**ALL**)	D3: Workshop material available via Web site D4a: Detailed Work Plan D4b: Detailed Outreach Plan	
7	M7 ESR/ER appointments complete M8 Personal career development plans for new ESRs/ERs including complementary skills checklist (**ALL**) M9 Online course on "Distributed Systems" (**KTH**)	D5: Personal career development plans D6: Course material available via Web site	1
12	M10 **Summer School** "Distributed Technologies for Social Networks" (**KTH**, INSUB, UCY, IBM, NTU, TELEF, FNET, WADJA, IMIS**)** M11 6-month assessment of ESR/ER progress (**ALL**) M12 Completed the 1st year outreach activities (Research/Media/Industrial) (**ALL**) M13 Online course on "Internet Infrastructures for OSNs" (**UCY**)	D7: Material available via Web site D8: ESR/ER semi-annual progress reports D9: Course material available via Web site	
13		D10: Annual Report	

iSocial Plan (cont.)

18	M14 12-month assessment of ESR/ER progress (**ALL**)	D11: ESR/ER semi-annual progress reports	
19	M15 Online course on "Privacy-aware data management" (**INSUB**)	D12: Course material available via Web site	
24	M16 **Workshop** "Simulation and Moedeling" (**UCY**, KTH, UB, IMIS, FMT, **WADJA**) M17 18-month assessment of ESR/ER progress (**ALL**) M18 Progress meeting (**ALL**) M19 Completed the 2nd year outreach activities (Research/Media/Industrial) (**ALL**)	D13: Workshop Material available via Web site D14: ESR/ER semi-annual progress reports D15: Annual Report	2
25	M20 Online course on "Distributed Computing, Peer-to-Peer and GRIDS" (**KTH**)	D16: Course material available via Web site	
30	M21 24-month assessment of ESR/ER progress (**ALL**)	D17: ESR/ER semi-annual progress reports	
31	M22 All ESR/ER completed at least one secondment (**ALL**) Online course on "Complex Networks" (**UB**)	D18: ESR/ER secondment reports D19: Course material available via Web site	3
32	M23 **Workshop** "Complex Systems" (**UB**, UCY, IBM, FNET, FMT, NTU)	D20: Workshop material available via Web site	
36	M24 **Summer School** "Security and Privacy in Social Networks" (**INSUB**,FORTH, IBM, PEER, IMIS, NTU, TELEF, FMT, WADJA) M25 30-month assessment of ESR/ER progress (**ALL**) M26 Completed the 3rd year outreach activities (Research/Media/Industrial) (**ALL**)	D21: Material available via Web site D22: ESR/ER semi-annual progress reports D23: Annual Report	4

iSocial Plan (To do)

- Online Courses (UCY, INSUB x2) with Online materials
- Workshop M24 (at UCY?)
- Semi-annual progress reports by fellows
  - Deadline: End of March

Outreach Activities

Outreach Activity	Target date/frequency
Outreach plan	M4 (by all partners)
A six-monthly newsletter where all fellows will provide contributions in each news letter issue describing in an accessible manner current achievements and milestones reached.	M18, M24, M30, M36, M42, M48
Appearances of project representatives in TV/Radio shows for two different target groups, early afternoon shows accessible mostly to youngsters and prime time emissions for the general public.	Two shows per research workpackage (WP1-WP4; 8 shows in total). Exact schedule will be described in detail in the Outreach Plan.
Implementation of a series of webinars for various target groups (secondary school children, University students, the public, SME members) aiming to raise awareness for social services, the exploitation of the DOSNs infrastructure, related research issues, and MC actions. All fellows will provide input for the webinars. The exact contributions will be outlines in the Outreach Plan deliverable.	4 Webinars (M24, M32, M36, M46)
Development of a toolkit that will demonstrate in an interactive and constructive manner the main research results of the projects and will guide the users to a proper use for the developed infrastructure and the development of services. The toolkit will be presented in all outreach events organized by the project.	M36, M46 (in conjunction with network's summer school and international conf.)
Visits to schools, where all fellows will describe theirs research achievements.	One visit per partner (7 visits in total). Exact schedule will be described in detail in the Outreach Plan.

Outreach Activities (cont.)

A research and innovation challenge will be announced and opened to students all secondary schools and Universities through appropriate mailing lists, and open to secondary school children and University students. A number of about one hundred participants is expected for each research challenge.	Twice. (M22 & M30)
A workshop day, where fellows will demonstrate in an accessible manner research issues and results to students of secondary schools and Universities, during which the results of the research challenges will be presented and the best will be awarded. The number of expected attendees is estimated to one hundred.	M24 and M32 (collocated with the networks workshops).
Open days will take place during the duration of the project to motivate the public to social networking usability issues and to raise awareness on project progress and outcomes.	M24 and M36 (collocated with the networks workshops).
An Industry and innovation day will be organized, aiming at promoting social services and specific usability scenarios. The number of attendees in these events is expected to be a few tens.	M24 and M36 (collocated with the networks workshops).
The international conference will serve to promote and allow discussion of the research and innovation agenda, communicate and help validate and assess our results and facilitate the outreach of ideas with the wider community. More details on the conference can be found in B4.3.2.2.	M46

Outreach Activities: To Do

- Six-monthly news letter (M18)
  - Half page from every fellow describes on his/her research?
  - Combining with "Semi-annual progress reports "?
  - Volunteers for coordination?
- Research and innovation challenge (M22)
  - Incentives? Prizes?
  - Before mid-term report
  - Volunteers?
- Open days, Industry&innovation day, demos by fellows in conjunction with iSocial events (M24)
  - In Cyprus?
- Series of Webinars (M24)
- We can ask extensions by 6 months…
- Assigning responsible partners:?

- Z-card for the fellows

- Data-sets?
  - Diaspora contact
  - Telefonica
  - Wdja
  - Neo4J
- Secondments, all fixed by end of Feb, send me the titles.
- Put the slides in our dropbox folder
- Online Courses (UCY, INSUB x2) with Online materials
- Workshop M24 (at UCY?)
- Semi-annual progress reports by fellows
  - Deadline: End of March
  - UCY prepares a template
- Six-monthly news letter (M18)
  - Half page from every fellow describes on his/her research?
  - FORTH does the editing
- Research and innovation challenge (M22)
  - Trip to our workshop
  - Challenge proposals by each partner? fellows.
    - Deadline? End of march?
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- Webcast on face recognition/tagging by FORTH?
  - Panos
  - Kolja