

## **Preliminary Report on visit of Associate Professor Lisa Gjedde, SICSA Distinguished Fellow**

Lisa Gjedde visited in two periods from December 14-18<sup>th</sup> 2009 and from January 18<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. She was based at Heriot-Watt University, and also visited the University of Dundee, the University of Glasgow and the University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Gjedde contributed to the SICSA Multimodal Interaction seminar at December 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the University of Edinburgh with a key-note talk on: “Designing for learning with multimodal interfaces”. This event was attended by 30-40 researchers from the SICSA Universities.

Dr. Gjedde also contributed to the Games-network seminar at Glasgow-Caledonian University on December 16<sup>th</sup>, with a brief talk on her research, and subsequent discussions.

During her visit she interacted with members of the Visage Group at Heriot-Watt University, and Ph.d.-students on issues of location-based learning games, where she was able to contribute with her own research experiences. She also gave a talk at the Visage Talk Series on “Narrative and game-base learning in interactive multimodal environments”.

Dr. Gjedde participated in a meeting with researchers from the Echoes II project at University of Dundee, discussing joint research interests in developing multimodal technology enhanced learning environments for children with disabilities. There was a discussion of research challenges in the current project and possible areas of joint development and future areas of research. Dr. Gjedde further discussed these possibilities with Dr. Helen Pain, at a meeting at the University of Edinburgh.

During her stay Dr. Gjedde worked with Dr. Judy Robertson on developing a joint proposal on narrative and tangible multimodal technologies for children, which will be developed further and submitted for funding to UK (AHRC) and possibly European research agencies.

Due to Dr. Judy Robertson`s maternity leave the fellowship has been extended and the last part of the visit has been postponed until the winter 2010-11.