

## **Report on the Visit of Professor Nasser Kehtarnavaz under SICSA DVF Scheme**

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We are glad to report that the visit of Prof. Nasser Kehtarnavaz has taken place successfully as planned. The activities of his visit are summarised as follows.

### **Talks**

Prof. Kehtarnavaz gave the talk entitled “Real-Time Human Action Recognition via Simultaneous Utilization of Depth Images and Inertial Signals” in both universities respectively (Monday 19th June at 10.00am, The Glassroom, Edinburgh Napier University; Friday 23rd June at 10.00am, Lecture Theatre P118, Paisley Campus, University of the West of Scotland). The potential topics of the talk had been discussed before his visit and this topic was selected based on the research interest of both host universities and the wider community in Scotland. Both talks had been advertised through various channels via SICSA mailing lists, University public websites, and university mailing lists to colleagues, students and alumni and so on. The talks attracted a fair number of interested audiences from both host universities and beyond including colleagues and students from other universities such as Glasgow and Aberdeen. The talks were highly inspirational and encouraged the interactive discussions afterwards.

### **Meetings and Outcomes**

Prof. Kehtarnavaz’s meetings with the proposers and their colleagues and research students were successfully organised in both host universities during his visit. A lab tour was arranged and the latest developments in selected ongoing projects were introduced. We have discussed a range of potential research collaboration opportunities including joint funding applications in Europe and USA, support for PhD students as an international advisor or examiner, collaborative research as a visiting professor during his annual summer leave etc. Through such activities, we expect to establish a medium to long-term partnership. For instance, Prof. Kehtarnavaz has kindly agreed to serve as an external advisor for the Immersive UWS project, give advice on a PhD programme using a similar technical approach as presented in his talk, and further explore collaboration potentials between the teams in UK and USA.

### **Acknowledgement**

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