

SICSA Research Theme Activity Report

Please complete all sections of this reporting template and submit within 3 months of your event or activity taking place. This report will allow the SICSA Directors to provide detailed information about the progress of the SICSA Research Themes to the Pool funders, SFC, and your cooperation is appreciated.

Name of event organiser: Arash Eshghi and Oliver Lemon

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Institution: Heriot-Watt University

Title of event: Workshop on Conversational AI

Location of the event: Heriot-Watt University

Date of event: 12/12/18

From which SICSA Research Theme was this event funded? AI and HCI

Total funds claimed for event: 1185.08 GBP

Please outline in brief what took place at the event, providing details of speakers and titles of talks:

This was a 1-day workshop of talks and demos. See
<https://sites.google.com/site/workshoconversationalai/programme>

Please provide details of how many attended and if possible, information about which institutions were represented:

There were around 60 attendees from (amongst others):

BBC

Edinburgh Uni

Glasgow Uni

Heriot-Watt Uni

Aberdeen Uni

Queens Uni Belfast

Queen Mary Uni London

Nottingham Uni

Outcomes:

Please give details of any research papers that have come or are pending as a result of this activity:
None as yet (too early).

Please provide details of any grant applications that have come or are pending as a result of this activity:

None as yet (too early). However, HWU is in discussion for 3 collaborative proposals with QMUL, Stirling, and Nottingham unis around topics discussed at this workshop.

Please provide details of any further outcomes that have come as a result of this activity:

Collaboration workshop between BBC and Heriot-Watt in feb 2019.

Do you have any plans to bid for further SICSA Theme Funding in the future?

Probably but nothing concrete at this time.