

Elisabeth André is a full professor of Computer Science at Augsburg University, Germany, and Chair of Multimedia Concepts and Applications. Her team is highly recognized for its innovative work on virtual agents reflected by a number of international awards, such as the 1998 RoboCup Scientific Award, Best Paper Award at International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI 2000), 2005 Convivio Best Demo Award for People-centred Agent Technologies and Best Paper Finalist at International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents in 2007, 2008 and 2009. In addition, her students won a number of prizes at the annual GALA competition (Gathering of Animated Lifelike Agents).

Elisabeth's current work focuses on novel forms of interaction with embodied conversational agents including not only the syntactic and semantic analysis of user input, but also the recognition of emotional and social cues. In this area, she has conducted a number of international collaborations, such as the EU-projects e-Circus, CALLAS, and DynaLearn, the EU Networks of Excellence Humaine and Iris and the DFG-funded project Cube-G, a German-Japanese collaboration.

Already in 1997, Elisabeth organized one of the first international workshops on Intelligent Virtual Agents in conjunction with IJCAI in Tokyo, Japan. The workshop and resulted into a Special Double Issue on Animated Interface Agents of the Applied Artificial Intelligence Journal published in 1998, the first comprehensive collection of work in the area of intelligent virtual agents.

Elisabeth is on the board of the European Association for Multi-agent Systems (EURAMAS). Over the past 10 years, she has been serving as a PC member of many agent-related workshops and conferences. She was Program Co-Chair of Autonomous Agents in 2001, General Conference Co-Chair of Fourth German Conference on Multi-agent System Technologies (MATES 2006), General Conference Co-Chair of 7th International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents (IVA 2007) and Program Co-Chair of the 23rd Annual Conference on Computer Animation and Social Agents (CASA 2010). In addition, she has been serving in a variety of functions at the AAMAS conferences, as Demo Chair at AAMAS in 2007, as PC member in 2003 and 2004 and as SPC member in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2010. As the first Virtual Agents Track Chair at AAMAS 2008, she succeeded in significantly increasing the participation of researchers from the Virtual Agents field at AAMAS compared to previous years resulting into three high quality sessions on virtual agents.

Elisabeth is on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (JAAMAS) and has been serving as a guest co-editor for various special issues on agent-related topics for JAAMAS, User Modeling and Adaptive Interaction, Applied Artificial Intelligence, Artificial Intelligence Communications Journal, and Künstliche Intelligenz (Artificial Intelligence).

In sum, Elisabeth has been a very active member over the past 10 years, making significant research contributions as well as providing valuable services to the community.