

Nomination to IFAAMAS Board for Iyad Rahwan

Dr. Iyad Rahwan is an Assistant Professor at the Masdar Institute of Science & Technology, a Visiting Scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Edinburgh.

Iyad holds a PhD (under the supervision of Prof. Liz Sonenberg) from the University of Melbourne. Previously, he was a Senior Lecturer at the British University in Dubai, where he co-founded the Dubai Agents & Multi-Agent Systems (DAMAS) research group. He also organized the Dubai Agents and Multi-Agent Systems School in 2008 (<http://buid.ac.ae/damas/school/>), which was the first school of its kind in the Arab world. As such, Iyad played a key role in establishing and nurturing multi-agent systems research in the region.

Dr. Rahwan's expertise and research include: multi-agent systems (MAS), knowledge representation and reasoning, knowledge engineering, computational modeling of argumentation, Semantic Web technologies, game theory, automated negotiation, negotiation- and argumentation-support systems. Iyad worked on research projects supported by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Australian Research Council (ARC), Hewlett Packard and Tejari.

Iyad is an active member of the AAMAS community. In 2007, he was on the co-Chair of the Doctoral Mentoring Program. And in 2010, he is serving as co-Chair of the Demos and Exhibits Program. He is also a founding member of the International Workshop series on Argumentation in Multi-Agent Systems (ArgMAS), which ran alongside AAMAS every year since 2004.

Iyad is a founding Co-Editor of the journal of Argument & Computation, Associate Editor of the Knowledge Engineering Review, and has been an invited editor/co-editor of special issues of the journals Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems and IEEE Intelligent Systems. In 2007, he won the "Best Technical Paper Award" at the International Conference on Electronic Commerce (ICEC). Iyad published over 50 fully-refereed papers in leading venues, including the Artificial Intelligence Journal, Journal of Web Semantics, the Knowledge Engineering Review, Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, AAMAS, AAI, IJCAI, and CogSci.

As member of the IFAAMAS board, Iyad Rahwan would play a vital role in representing the Arab world and promoting agent systems research in the region.