

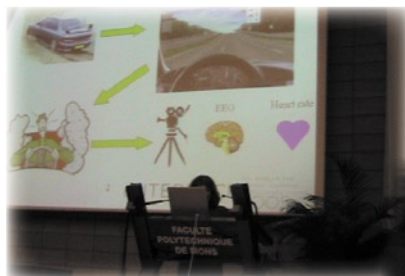
eINTERFACE 2005 Daily

Tuesday, July 19th

SUMMER TIME - Opening Day -



As announced by Prof. T.Dutoit and (partially !) confirmed by the weather yesterday, this is Summer Time ! And also time of the opening of the eINTERFACE workshop to enter into challenging projects and to face multimodal issues. In a very friendly atmosphere, welcome speeches have been given by Prof. T.Dutoit and S.Boucher, the rector of FPMs (stands for Faculté Polytechnique de Mons). During this first day, all of the seven projects have been detailed by explaining main goals, work plans and team members. From body gestures to internal signals such as EEG (ElectroEncephaloGram), these projects aim to combine different modalities to build interesting applications for various goals from speech conductor to driver hypovigilance detection.



In the eINTERFACE workshop, one more modality will be added such as the mysterious « add-on » in a recipe, it will simply be called Communication. Communication between teams to get as many benefits as pos-

sible from all projects either to gain a personal experience or to enrich each work and make them improve efficiently. Communication between machines to build powerful applications and to get in touch with other people using collaborative websites, available soon ! Communication between the entire research community by creating open source codes with an open interface. Finally, Communication between people to enjoy Belgium during free time such as social events, every evening and week-end and to remember Mons and eINTERFACE as a rich and cultural human experience.



First Belgium cuisine & Opening cocktail

Lunch and Opening cocktail have been occasions to test and taste Belgian food and drinks. Yummy ? Anyway, you will have time to enjoy all Belgian specialities during this month and to become the unbeatable person about Belgian beers. There is an anecdote coming

from one society in Mons : during an interview to get a job, the candidate was asked to know the name of all-trappist beers in Belgium. It was for sure a joke to relax the interview atmosphere but also to show the kind of sympathetic work relationship in Mons. After this long parenthesis about food, the opening ceremony was also the time to meet the mayor of Mons and to discover the architecture origins of the town including the Wedding room where the cocktail took place.

By the way, we would like to thank in general the city of Mons for its kind sponsorship of eINTERFACE.



Team installation

At the end of the afternoon, team installation was a busy period for each of us : it was time to discover the place we will work in for the four following weeks and a stressful time for our technical support engineer, Vincent. Except some minor requirements or last minute problems, everything was fine. Congratulations to Vincent ! (You can applause now) According to the pictures above, everybody looks at ease and at home. So we are happy !

Enjoy your time at eINTERFACE in Mons !

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