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Dear members of the Board,

With this letter I would like to express the full support of the Faculty of Science of Utrecht University for the FuturICT Flagship Initiative.

The Faculty of Science has several strong groups with expertise that match with the FuturICT goals and who can make an important contribution to its research aims and ambitions. In particular, research in the Department of Information and Computing Sciences that can contribute to FuturICT includes

- Games & Virtual Worlds (Overmars group) on training and serious gaming
- Intelligent Systems (Meyer group) on intelligent agents
- Decision support systems (v.d. Gaag group; La Poutré) on decision making under uncertainty
- Multimedia and Geometry (Veltkamp group) on simulation of built environments
- Algorithmic Data Analysis (Siebes group) on data mining and
- Algorithmic Systems (Bodlaender group) on intelligent logistics, networks and complexity.

In the Physics Department research on Oceans & Climate using approaches from complexity and networks (Dijkstra group) is also closely related.

The Faculty of Science plans to contribute on average 100 k€ per year in cash matching for a period of five years and the same amount in in kind matching to the FuturICT Flagship initiative if it is retained for EU funding. The cash and in kind contributions are for those parts of projects that will be carried out at the Faculty of Science at Utrecht University and will consist of the appointment of personnel whose research is on topics relevant for FuturICT, either in a staff position at the Department of Information and Computing Sciences or possibly on externally funded projects (cash contribution) and making available research infrastructure, supervision and support (in kind contribution). This contribution is contingent on current FP7 rules for funding being applicable for the total of the FuturICT project.



The Faculty of Science retains the right to withdraw its intentions, if amongst others, the following situations occur:

- The Faculty's total (cash and in kind) contribution is not matched by at least an equal EU cash contribution to the Faculty of Science in the framework of FuturICT projects at Utrecht university. In the case the EU contribution to FuturICT projects is lower, the Faculty of Science's contribution will also be lowered.
- The FuturICT activities turn out to be insufficiently connected to the Faculty of Science's goals and research focus;
- Agreement cannot be reached with the other partners about the details of partnership, including intellectual property rights;
- Changes in the economic climate, Faculty of Science's financial position, strategy or research focus or any other situation that would necessitate the Faculty of Science to reconsider its intentions.

We look forward to a fruitful collaboration within the FuturICT Flagship.

Sincerely,

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