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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The conference was held between August 22-25. For the full conference program, please download the [Conference Program](#).

### Detailed Session Information

#### [Session 1: Tree Search and Multiple Worlds | Chaired by Mark Winands \(Tuesday 1 am\)](#)

- [Monte Carlo Tree Search Experiments in Hearthstone](#) (André Santos, Pedro A. Santos, Francisco S. Melo)
- [Using Monte Carlo Tree Search and Google Maps to improve Game Balancing in Location-based Games](#) (Luis Fernando Maia, Windson Viana and Fernando Trinta)
- [Monte Carlo Tree Search Based Algorithms for Dynamic Difficulty Adjustment](#) (Sim Demediuk, Marco Tamassia, William Raffe, Fabio Zambetta, Xiaodong Li and Florian F Mueller)
- [Using Multiple Worlds for Multiple Agent Roles in Games](#) (Joseph Alexander Brown, Daniel Ashlock)

#### [Session 2: Player modeling | Chaired by Anna Guitart \(Tuesday 1:40 pm\)](#)

- [3D Cylindrical Trace Transform based feature extraction for effective human action classification](#) (Georgios Goudelis, Georgios Tsatiris, Kostas Karpouzis and Stefanos Ko
- [Simulating Strategy and Dexterity for Puzzle Games](#) (Aaron Isaksen, Drew Wallace, Finkelstein and Andy Nealen)
- [Measuring Strategic Depth in Games Using Hierarchical Knowledge Bases](#) (Daan Apeldoorn and Vanessa Volz)
- [Detecting Flow in Games using Facial Expressions](#) (Andrew Burns and James Tulip)

### **Session 3: Best paper nominees | Chaired by Julian Togelius and Andy Nealen (Wednesday 11:00 am)**

- [Text-based Adventures of the Golovin AI Agent](#) (Bartosz Kostka, Jaroslaw Kwiecien Jakub Kowalski and Pawel Rychlikowski)
- [A Fuzzy System Approach for Choosing Public Goods Game Strategies](#) (Garry Greenwood)
- [DLNE: A Hybridization of Deep Learning and Neuroevolution for Visual Control](#) (An Precht Poulsen, Mark Thorhauge, Mikkel Hvilshøj Funch and Sebastian Risi)
- [Improving Hearthstone AI by Learning High-Level Rollout Policies and Bucketing C Node Events](#) (Shuyi Zhang and Michael Buro)

### **Session 4: Intentional and believable behavior | Chaired by Joanna Bryson (Wednesday 1:40 pm)**

- [CiF-CK: An Architecture for Social NPCs in Commercial Games](#) (Manuel Guimarães, A. Santos and Arnav Jhala)
- [An Intentional AI for Hanabi](#) (Markus Eger, Chris Martens and Marcela Alfaro Córdoba)
- [Learning Human-like Behaviors using NeuroEvolution with Statistical Penalties](#) (Phuoc Luong, Naoto Kanazawa and Kokolo Ikeda)
- [Automated Learning of Hierarchical Task Networks for Controlling Minecraft Agent](#) (Chanh “sam” Nguyen, Noah Reifsnyder, Sriram Gopalakrishnan and Hector Munoz-A

### **Session 5: RTS games | Chaired by Jialin Liu (Wednesday 3:50 pm)**

- [Single Believe State Generation for Partially Observable Real-Time Strategy Games](#) (Alberto Uriarte and Santiago Ontañón)
- [Learning Macromanagement in StarCraft from Replays using Deep Learning](#) (Niels Justesen and Sebastian Risi)

- [Resource-Gathering Algorithms in the Game of StarCraft](#) (Martin L.M. Rooijackers and Mark H. M. Winands)
- [Combining Cooperative and Adversarial Coevolution in the Context of Pac-Man](#) (Alexander Dockhorn and Rudolf Kruse)

### **Session 6: Learning to play | Chaired by Simon Lucas (Wednesday 5:30 pm)**

- [Autoencoder-augmented Neuroevolution for Visual Doom Playing](#) (Samuel Alverna and Julian Togelius)
- [Improving Generalization Ability in a Puzzle Game Using Reinforcement Learning](#) (Oonishi and Hitoshi Lima)

### **Short papers | Chaired by Dan Ashlock (Thursday 11:00 am)**

- [Towards a Hybrid Neural and Evolutionary Heuristic Approach for Playing Tile-mat Puzzle Games](#) (Jose Font, Sergio Larrodera, Daniel Manrique and Pablo Ramos)
- [Deep Q Networks for Visual Fighting Game AI](#) (Seonghun Yoon and Kyung-Joong Kim)
- [Optimizing Game Live Service for Mobile Free-to-Play Games](#) (Sang-Kwang Lee and Seong-Il Yang)
- [Games and Big Data: A Scalable Multi-Dimensional Churn Prediction Model](#) (Paul Bertens, Anna Guitart and Africa Perianez)
- [Cellular Automata Simulation on FPGA for Training Neural Networks with Virtual World Imagery](#) (Olivier Van Acker, Oded Lachish and Graeme Burnett)
- [Learning to Play Visual Doom using Model-Free Episodic Control](#) (Byeongjun Min and Kyungjoong Kim)
- [Extracting Gamers' Cognitive Psychological Features and Improving Performance and Churn Prediction from Mobile Games](#) (Jihoon Jeon, Dumim Yoon, Seongil Yang and Kyung Joong Kim)
- [Opponent Modeling based on Action Table for MCTS-based Fighting Game AI](#) (Man Kim and Kyung-Joong Kim)

### **Session 7: PCG I | Chaired by Sebastian Risi (Thursday 3:50 pm)**

- [Generating Varied, Stable and Solvable Levels for Angry Birds Style Physics Games](#) (Matthew Stephenson and Jochen Renz)
- [Mixed-Initiative Procedural Generation of Dungeons using Game Design Patterns](#) (Alexander Baldwin, Steve Dahlskog, Jose Font and Johan Holmberg)

- [Fight or Flight: Evolving Maps for Cube 2 to Foster a Fleeing Behavior](#) (Daniele Loia and Luca Arnaboldi)
- [Automated Game Design Learning](#) (Joseph Osborn, Adam Summerville and Michael Mateas)

### **Session 8: General Video Game AI | Chaired by Gabriella Alves Bulhoes Barros (Friday 11:00 am)**

- [Rolling Horizon Evolution Enhancements in General Video Game Playing](#) (Raluca D Gaina, Simon M. Lucas and Diego Perez-Liebana)
- [Beyond Playing to Win: Diversifying Heuristics for GVGAI](#) (Cristina Guerrero-Romero, Annie P. Louis and Diego Perez-Liebana)
- [Monte Carlo Tree Search with Temporal-Difference Learning for General Video Game Playing](#) (Ercüment İlhan and A. Şima Etaner-Uyar)
- [Introducing Real World Physics and Macro-Actions to General Video Game AI](#) (Diego Perez, Matthew Stephenson, Raluca Gaina, Jochen Renz and Simon Lucas)

### **Session 9: PCG II | Chaired by Gina Grossi (Friday 1:40 pm)**

- [General Video Game Rule Generation](#) (Ahmed Khalifa, Michael Cerny Green, Diego Liebana and Julian Togelius)
- [Building an Automatic Sprite Generator with Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks](#) (Lewis Horsley and Diego Perez)
- [Procedural Level Generation using Multi-layer Level Representations with MDMCs](#) (Snodgrass and Santiago Ontañón)
- [Procedural Generation of Angry Birds Fun Levels using Pattern-Struct and Preset-M](#) (Yu Xuan Jiang, Tomohiro Harada and Ruck Thawonmas)

### **Session 10: Frameworks and formalisms | Chaired by Christoph Salge (Friday 3:50 pm)**

- [Evolved Communication Strategies and Emergent Behaviour of Multi-Agents in Puzzle Domains](#) (Gina Grossi and Brian Ross)
- [Showdown AI Competition](#) (Scott Lee and Julian Togelius)
- [Adaptive gameplay for mobile gaming](#) (Yannick Francillette, Abdelkader Gouaich and Lylia Abrouk)
- [General Video Game Playing Escapes the No Free Lunch Theorem](#) (Daniel Ashlock, Diego Perez-Liebana and Amanda Saunders)

# Detailed Competition Information

## Tuesday Competition Session

- StarCraft AI Competition (15 mins)
- Visual Doom AI Competition 2017: Limited Deathmatch on a Known Map Track (10 mins)
- Visual Doom AI Competition 2017: Full Deathmatch on an Unknown Map Track (10 mins)
- microRTS AI Competition (15 mins)
- Fighting Game AI Competition (15 mins)
- Geometry Friends Cooperative Game AI Competition: The Cooperation Track (10 mins)
- Geometry Friends Cooperative Game AI Competition: The Single AI Track (10 mins)
- The Showdown AI Competition (15 mins)

## Thursday Competition Session

- The General Video Game AI Competition: Learning Track (10 mins)
- The General Video Game AI Competition: Level Generation Track (10 mins)
- Game Data Mining Competition: Churn Prediction Track (10 mins)
- Game Data Mining Competition: Survival Analysis Track (10 mins)
- AIBIRDS Level Generation Competition (15 mins)
- The Text-Based Adventure AI Competition (15 mins)
- The Ms. Pac-Man Vs Ghost Team Competition: Ms. Pac-Man Track (10 mins)
- The Ms. Pac-Man Vs Ghost Team Competition: Ghost Team Track (10 mins)