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Law-Related Newsgroups Proliferate

October 1, 1994, will be the third aniversary of AIL-L, a newsgroup for discussion of AI and law issues. Established by David R. Warner, Professor of Law at the Pettit College of Law, Ohio Northern University, AIL-L currently has more than 500 subscribers from over 30 countries. Messages carried on the newsgroup typically include conference announcements, requests for information, discussions of computational or jurisprudential issues, and political and institutional events of interest to members of the AI and law community.

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For more information about AIL-L, contact Professor Warner at warner@austin.onu.edu.

A number of other law-related newsgroups have recently been established, some of which are listed below. For a more complete list of law-related newsgroups and subscription information, please contact karl@eolus.uwyo.edu.

- CALI-L@chicagokent.kentlaw.edu (US-based computer-assisted legal instruction list)
- CALL-L@UNBVM1.BITNET (Canadian academic law libraries list)
- CJUST-L@iubvm.ucs.indiana.edu (criminal justice)
- CNI-COPYRIGHT@cni.org (copyright & intellectual property forum)
- COMLAW-L@UALTAVM.BITNET (computers & legal education)
- CTI-LAW@mailbase.ac.uk (UK-based list on use of information technology in law teaching)
- EDLAW@ukcc.uky.edu (law and education)
- ENVLAWPROFS@oregon.uoregon.edu (international discussion list for professors of environmental law)
- EURO-LEX@DEARN.BITNET (All EUROpean Legal Information EXchange—European legal information sources)
- FEDTAX-L@SHSU.BITNET (US-based federal taxation list)
- FEMJUR@suvm.syr.edu (discussions & information about feminist legal issues)
- H-LAW@uicvm.uic.edu (legal history & U.S. constitutional history)
- INFO-LAW@brl.mil (computers in law)
- INT-LAW@vm1.spcs.umn.edu (foreign & international law librarians list—includes discussion of foreign & international legal print, electronic, & "people" resources)
- LAW-LIB@ucdavis.edu (US-based law librarians list)
- LAWPROF@chicagokent.kentlaw.edu (law professors & lecturers list)
- LAWSCH-L@AUVM.BITNET (US-based law students list)
- LAWSRC-L@fatty.law.cornell.edu (Internet law sources list)
- LIS-LAW@mailbase.ac.uk (UK-based legal information & law libraries list)
- PSYLAW-L@UTEPA.BITNET (psychology & law list, international discussion)
- TEKNOIDS@fatty.law.cornell.edu (US-based list for law school computing professionals)
- TLTP-LAW@mailbase.ac.uk (UK-based list on creating & using legal computer based learning materials)

ICAIL-95 Papers Are Due January 10
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Call for Papers

Fifth International Conference
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE and LAW

May 21-24, 1995

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The field of AI and law is concerned with the investigation of legal reasoning using computational methods; applications that use AI techniques to support tasks in the legal domain; and the investigation of AI techniques using law as the example domain. ICAIL-95 will provide a forum for the presention and discussion of the latest research results and practical applications and will stimulate interdisciplinary and international collaboration in the growing AI and Law community. As in the previous conferences, accepted papers will be published by ACM Press. Authors are invited to submit papers on topics including but not restricted to:

- Legal Expert Systems
- Case-Based Reasoning
- Computational Models of Legal Reasoning
- Conceptual Information Retrieval
- Representation of Legal and Common Sense Knowledge
- Applications of AI to Law

Papers on theoretical issues in AI and in jurisprudence or legal philosophy are invited provided that the relevance to AI and Law is clearly demonstrated. Papers on applications should include a description of the nature and purpose of the application, the techniques employed, and the current state of implementation. Submissions must be received by January 10, 1995. Papers should not exceed 5,000 words. Short papers not exceeding 2,500 words are also invited, particularly in the area of "applications experience." All papers will be reviewed by members of the Programme Committee. To assist the reviewing process, intending authors are asked to send an e-mail abstract to the programme chair by 15 December, 1994. This abstract should include the title of the paper, up to four keywords and a contact address for the main author. Papers should be submitted by sending six (6) copies of the complete paper to the programme chair. Only hard copy submissions of full papers will be accepted.

Key dates:

Submission of electronic abstract: December 15, 1994 (optional)
Submission of hard copy of full paper: January 10, 1995
Notification of acceptance: March 3,1995
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Recent Events

AAAI Workshop on Computational Dialectics

A one-day workshop on "Computational Dialectics" was held at the Twelfth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-94) in Seattle, Washington, this past August. The term *computational dialectics* is meant to encompass formal models of argumentation and other group decision-making processes, cooperative as well as adversarial. The models are of the norms or *protocols* regulating some type of proceeding, so as to promote fair, effective and rational decisions. The workshop brought together about 30 researchers from several fields. In addition to several prominent members of the AI and Law community, there were representatives from the fields of Distributed Artificial Intelligence, Case-Based Reasoning, Nonmonotonic Reasoning, Natural Language Processing and Decision Theory. For additional information, contact Thomas Gordon at gordon@gmd.de.

Cooperative Legal Information Systems

An AI and Law workshop was held at the University of Vienna on September 15-16, 1994. The theme of the workshop was "Cooperative Legal Information Systems," but presentations at the workshop addressed a number of other AI and Law topics, including legal applications of artificial "neural networks," conceptual information retrieval and legal knowledge representation. For additional information, contact Thomas Schierer by email at ts@ifs.univie.ac.at, or by Fax at ++43 1 43 01 97.

Work in Progress

The Zeno Project

Zeno is a project being conducted by the Artificial Intelligence research group of the German National Research Center for Computer Science (GMD). The goal of the project is to design and implement a programming language, also to be called Zeno, for implementing mediation systems providing services for group decision-making processes conducted over electronic networks. These processes are to be modeled by formal language games. Zeno will provide high-level constructs for defining various games of this kind. The task of a mediation system will be to provide support services for "playing the game,'' including advising participants about their rights and obligations. Zeno will be suitable for defining both cooperative and adversarial games. For further information see http://nathan.gmd.de/projects/zeno.html on the World-Wide Web, or contact Thomas Gordon at gordon@gmd.de.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

This issue of AI and Law News includes a membership/renewal form for 1994. Although there is no conference in 1994, please continue to support IAAIL by renewing your membership. The membership fee is $25.00 for renewing members, $60.00 for new members (including Vol. 2 of the Artificial Intelligence and Law journal). Reduced memberships are also available for new members who do not wish to receive the journal.

One of the benefits of IAAIL membership is a subscription to the *Artificial Intelligence and Law* journal at a greatly reduced rate. Unfortunately, the journal fell behind schedule during its first year, so 1993 members of IAAIL are only now receiving the last issue of Volume 2. To get back on schedule, Volume 3 of the journal will be published in 1995, and Vol. 2 is now relabeled 1993/94. For this reason, renewing members who have already paid for Vol. 2 of the journal should pay the Reduced member fee for 1994.

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