



The Group has links with many outside bodies. It is a specialist group of the British Computer Society and a member of ECCAI, the European Co-ordinating Committee for Artificial Intelligence.

Since its inception the group has enjoyed a good working relationship with government departments involved in the AI field (beginning with the Alvey Programme in the 1980s). A succession of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) representatives, have been co-opted as committee members. The Group acted as co-organiser of the annual DTI Manufacturing Intelligence awards and has included sessions presenting the results of the DTI Intelligent Systems Integration Programme (ISIP) in its annual conferences.

The group also has a good relationship with the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE), with which it has co-sponsored colloquia over many years, and with NCAF, the Natural Computing Applications Forum. We also host the annual UK-CBR (Case-Based Reasoning) workshops at our annual conferences. This year, the group will be co-hosting IJCAI-05 in Edinburgh.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Preferential rates for the Group's prestigious international conference on Artificial Intelligence, which has run annually since 1981.
- Discounted rates at other SGAI-sponsored events.
- Discounted rates for ECCAI organised events. The Group has been a member of the European Co-ordinating Committee for Artificial Intelligence since 1992.
- Discounts on international journals, and occasional special offers on books.

- Advance information on the SGAI Evening Lectures, which are held on a regular basis in central London.
- Free subscription to the *Expert Update* journal, containing reviews, technical articles, conference reports, comment from industry gurus and product news.
- The SGAI website at [www.bcs-sgai.org](http://www.bcs-sgai.org) and the AI-SGES list server to facilitate communication on all aspects of AI.
- Networking opportunities at SGAI organised events where both academic and industrial AI communities meet.

### **How to Join BCS-SGAI?**

It has been decided that from May 1st 2008 membership of SGAI will only be open to members of our parent body the British Computer Society (BCS). Membership of SGAI will henceforth be free of charge.

For further information please visit our website at [www.bcs-sgai.org](http://www.bcs-sgai.org)