



IJCAI-09 AI Video Competition Call for Video Submissions



IJCAI solicits submissions for the 3rd annual AI video competition! Its goal is to show the World how much fun AI is by encouraging the creation and dissemination of videos on exciting advances in artificial intelligence research, education, and application. The rules are simple: Create a short video about an AI project or related topic, and narrate it so that it is accessible to a broad audience. Accepted videos will be screened at IJCAI-09 during 11-17 July 2009 at the Pasadena Conference Center in California. Immediately after the *Computers and Thoughts Award* lectures on Tuesday, 14 July at 7:00pm, we will hold a formal multi-media awards ceremony where we will announce and award the best videos in each of 8 categories. We strongly encourage student participation. So go ahead: make a cool video about your AI research or application project, and get a ton of attention!

Video formats: Either 1 minute (max) “short video” or a 5 minute (max) “long video”, with English narration (or subtitles). Consider combining screen shots, interviews, and video of a system in action. Make the video self-contained, so that newcomers to AI can understand and learn from it. We encourage a *good sense of humor*, but will only accept submissions with serious AI content. Your video might cover contemporary research, or document seminal AI research in the past. Creativity is encouraged!

New for 2009: (1) Music Video Track and (2) a Special Achievement Award

Submission: Place your video at a publicly-accessible www site & notify the co-chairs:

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Videos must not contain any video, audio, or characters that the developer cannot give permission to distribute. Developers of accepted videos will be asked to sign a AAAI video distribution license form. We encourage developers to notify us, as soon as possible, that they plan to submit a video.

Key Dates

- **Submissions Due:** 31 May 2009
- **Reviewing Decision Notifications & Award Nominations:** 15 June 2009
- **Final Versions Due:** 3 July 2009
- **Award Presentations:** 14 July 2009

Reviewing: Will be conducted by a 35-member international PC (see *aivideo.org* for details).

Reviewing criteria (from most to least-weighted):

1. Relevance to AI (research, instructional, and/or application)
2. Degree of excitement: Entertainment value, enticing, novelty, etc.
3. Educational content
4. Presentation

Award Categories (Tentative): Best (Long), Best Short, Best Student, Most Informative, Best Educational, Best Music Video, Best Narrative, and Most Innovative.

Awards: Trophies (*Shakeys*, named in honor of SRI's Shakey robot and its inspirational video) will be awarded in each category. (Additional prizes may also be awarded.)

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WWW: <http://aivideo.org>