Foreword to the 4th newsletter

This is the 4th issue of the newsletter in the MSc program Cognitive Systems. The period of reference is the last summer semester 2018. Again, it is intended to serve as an information board that delivers recent information about the program structure and organization in the MSc program. Also, recent changes and developments as well as updates will be summarized. Again, at the end, the list of the appointed reviewers for Master theses is included.

New members in the study commission

Dr. Fei Yan was formally elected as a new member of the study commission. She replaces Mrs. Kristin Mühl. We thank Mrs. Mühl for her work in the commission.

Psychosocial Counselling Service

In the past there has been the observation that course examinations, studying in a foreign environment, financial problems, and many more reasons lead to psychological impairments in students - also in the international programs. For students who feel distracted or even unable to further conduct their course program for reasons as of learning and concentration difficulties, building test/examination anxiety, falling into depressive mood, etc. we recommend getting in touch with the Psychosocial Counselling Service for students. You find the weblink with further information at https://studierendenwerk-ulm.de/en/counselling-and-advice/psychosoziale-beratung/.

Also there is a brief summary and contact information available in handy postcard format (ask, e.g., Prof. Neumann, Dr. Maucher, or Mrs. Duschek). All the services range from group meetings to individual appointments for conflict treatment. Such services are free of charge. All information about individuals and their specific cases are always kept strictly confidential.

We would like to inform the senior researchers and supervisors working with students who observe personal changes over time and motivate them to actively offer help in this regard. Also forwarding the information about the Counselling Service is recommended. It might in some cases open a door to help students making the first step to get counselling help.
New student union (“Fachschaft”) CogSys
A student union (“Fachschaft”) for Cognitive Systems has been founded. The president elect is Sebastian Pickl and Ali Kanat is vice-president. This group is associated to the student union in Computer Science (Fachschaft Informatik) and acts under their cover.

Course registration
There is a compulsory registration for all courses in the Applied Subject and in the Special Subject. In the mandatory courses for the Basic Subject and the Interdisciplinary Subject a registration is not necessary. The registration is done by e-mail to the lecturer. The registration in the winter term 2018/2019 must be made by 22/10/2018.

MSc theses – lecturers being actively involved in regular teaching
The most recent list of contributors active in the program can be found in the attached list.

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