

GROUPEMENT of CNRS

in ITC fields




Association des unités de recherche d'@sie




Historical

- **2008** → UMIs and CNRS labs in Asia are not happy with ASIA-ICT program (STIC-ASIE)
- **End 2008** → Pierre Guillon (INST2I) suggest that UMIs could consider the creation of a federation which could complete/replace STIC-ASIE
- **February 2009** → the "draft" of the project "Fédération AURA" is presented by Eric Castelli during the 6th regional ICT-ASIA Seminar in Bangkok (11th & 12th February 2009)
- **Juin 2009** → 1st proposal "Fédération AURA" is submitted to INST2I (written by MICA, JFLI & IPAL)
- **End 2009-2010** → the INST2I is splitted into INS2I & INSIS
- **Mid 2010** → INS2I explained that AURA could start but with just INS2I's UMIs and that AURA will be a "Groupement" (no more Fédération)
 - Because it is too complicated to create a federation with too many partners
- **September 2010** → the final version of AURA project (as a Groupement) is submitted to INS2I
- **May 2011** → project validated by INS2I (Alfonso Ferreira)
- **July 2011** → MICA first "porte-parole" of AURA & MICA received first funds
- **October 31-November 1st** → The first AURA workshop was organized in Hanoi




1st Consortium





- Partners*
 - **MICA**
 - Multimedia, Information, Communication and Applications
 - UMI2954 – (CNRS, Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Grenoble INP) Hanoi, Vietnam
 - **IPAL**
 - Image and Pervasive Access Lab
 - UMI2955 – (CNRS, NUS, IIR, ASTR Singapore, UJF France) - Singapore
 - **JFLI**
 - Japanese French Laboratory of Informatics
 - LIA (CNRS, NII Tokyo, University of Tokyo, Keio University) – Tokyo, Japan
 - **LIAMA**
 - Consortium (INRIA, CASIA, CNRS) – Beijing, China
 - International research “hub”
 - OPEN to other CNRS laboratories from this region

* Laboratoires ayant un rattachement à INS2I



Main initial objectives

- Help the CNRS/INS2I in defining development strategy of the CNRS in Asia in the areas of ICT sciences
 - the partners will then bring their knowledge of Asian countries and the main local scientist actors
- It is a “groupement”:
 - Re-enforce collaboration and synergies between partners
 - At least one « bureau » meeting each year
 - Organize or participate to the organization of scientific international events
 - At least one every year: symposium or **workshop** 
 - Participation of researchers from partners
 - → allows best understanding and new common research action initiatives
 - Facilitate researcher exchanges
- Promote common research actions and projects
 - These projects will be submitted to national/international funding programmes
- Facilitate
 - Exchanges between CNRS labs (also labs in France) and Asian partners
- Label
 - The excellence of CNRS actions in Asia
- Programme ASIA-ITC
 - Be an active representative of CNRS

 **1st workshop MICA-Hanoi**

→ improve the international visibility of CNRS and AURA partners (in Asia)



Proposed Structure

- It is not a supplementary hierarchical level !
- Simple structure and governance
 - A “bureau” consisting of:
 - One representative person of each partner
 - + INS2I responsible of International Relation
 - currently: Anne Doucet (LIP6)
 - One “point de contact” or “interlocuteur” or “porte-parole”
 - in charge of coordinating the activities of the group
 - in charge of managing INS2I grant
 - for one year
 - Eric Castelli (MICA) for 2011
 - Daniel Racoceanu (IPAL) for 2012



Finances

- One small grant given by INS2I
 - Every year (we hope ☺)
- Group « bureau » will be in charge to find other sources of funding
 - National or international funding programmes
 - ANR, MAEE, STIC-ASIE, EU, BAD, world bank, etc.
 - Industrial partners



Future

(proposed by INS2I in 2011)

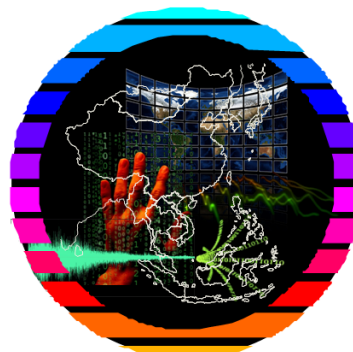
- Explore the idea that AURA could be become a « GdRI »
 - GdR international (GdR means « Groupe de Recherche)
 - Covering Asia region
 - Adding foreign partners
 - Other Chinese, Japanese, Singapour or Vietnamese partners?
 - Korean partners?
 - Others ?
- Existing « GdRI »
 - Russia, US + Benelux, Brazil, Spain

and.... AURA started its activities

1st Scientific workshop AURA

HUST - Hanoi 31/10 & 01/11, 2011

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