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- Friday, October 7, 1994
First Meeting

Here are the minutes of the first meeting of the YORKVIS discussion group. Personally I thought it went pretty well and I am looking forward to the next meeting (Fri Nov 4th)

Present: Harris, Grasse, Kaiser, Regan DM, Ono, Howard (eventually), Regan M, Ho, Kaneko, Mente, Downie, Penfield, Gray, Yeomans, Allison, Steeves (so for your first piece of homework you can conjure up each of those faces)

1 It was agreed unanimously that the date/time/place was OK and will continue as 10am, first Friday of every month, room 061 BSB until further notice. It was observed that this may not be the first choice of those that were not present but since they weren't present.....

2 Various formats were bantered around including 5 minute slots, 15 minutes or full hour seminars. We decided, despite warnings from Martin Regan about how unpleasant it might be, to go for a discussion-of-people's-work format. It was felt that the benefits of discussing research projects with an interested group of scientists outweighed the possible risks to mental health of having errors pointed out in public. We decided to keep to an hour overall time limit.

3 Rather than try to fit lots of possibly unrelated talks or "info bytes" in to the time, we decided to go for a theme. Each week, until we run out of faculty members, we will give over a session to one of the senior people who can essential use the group how they want.

4.1 The suggested format was to give 15 minutes or so up to a introduction to put the remainder of the session into context. Although we are a "vision group" we have pretty divergent interests and everyone needs some intro to be brought up to speed on someone else's area. This could be backed up by distributing information around before the meeting (using YORKVIS - to which we all have access or ordinary mail).

4.2 Then to discuss data. This part could be done by students or the person in charge that day. The data under discussion do not need to have been actually collected at this time: they could just be potential data.

4.3 The important point is to get discussion going. To this aim, I (Laurence) will act as a chairperson and will make sure that everyone gets a chance to put in their two-penny worth.

5 We decided that since Laurence is giving the Research Group in Perception on Friday (Friday 14th, 3:10 room 317, 1 Spadina Crescent) that the first YORKVIS discussion group would be given by KEITH GRASSE and his students. That meeting will be on Friday 4th Nov, at 10am, 061 BSB and you will get plenty of reminders nearer the time (but put it in your diaries anyway).

6 The rest of the session was spent building up a family tree of people at York interested in Vision and in coming to this meeting. Ian pointed out that everyone will (or should) get a copy of the annual report of the vision group which should contain most of this info. Here we introduced each other briefly. Here is the tree. At the moment it does not include undergraduates working in the labs, but they are welcome to attend and they could be listed if you like. Brackets mean they didn't show. Please mail in errors/additions/etc...

SENIOR MEMBERS POST DOCS GRAD STUDS

Laurence Harris, Peter Mente

(Otmar Bock), (John Lipitkas), (Sean Hickey)

(Josee Rivest) <--- from Glendon

Keith Grasse, Andrea Downie, Randy Penfield

Peter Kaiser

Martin Regan, Marian Regan, Rob Gray, Alex Vincent, Christine Yeomans

Hiro Ono, (Mako Ichikawa), (Renate Korn), (Lorraine Gunther)

Ian Howard, Alan Ho, Rob Allison, Hiro Kaneko

(Marty Steinbach), (Beth Irving), Jennifer Steeves, (Carol Dengis), (Herb Goltz)

(Doug Crawford) <---- not here yet

(Debbie Giaschi) <---- probably never coming

(Michael Jenkin) <--- from computer science: says he will come

(various off-campus folk: see YORKVIS EMAIL list, I'll include them if they show -- they are most welcome!!)

7 See you next time!