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**From:** Jeevacation <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009 11:49 AM  
**To:** Ben Goertzel  
**Subject:** Re: brief update, and question: Interested to fund the video recording and editing of the AGI Summer School lectures, for \$2K?

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 29, 2009, at 6:57 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Hi Jeffrey,  
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> Quick financial update: I've sorted out how to cover my own expenses  
> thru mid-July, via the investment Novamente received.  
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> I've been carrying on with the mathematical formalization stuff I've  
> been doing for the last couple months.  
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> But the main topic of this email is: For 3 weeks in June/July I'll be  
> leading the world's first AGI Summer School, which will be in Xiamen,  
> China  
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> [http://www.goertzel.org/AGI\\_Summer\\_School\\_2009.htm](http://www.goertzel.org/AGI_Summer_School_2009.htm)  
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> As with pretty much every such endeavor in the current economy,  
> funding is rather tight. We're right at the point where tuition from  
> students will match stipends to faculty (and note that my own stipend  
> will be covering my expenses for a couple weeks).  
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> Some of the lectures are quite general in scope, and about 1/3 of them  
> are fairly specific to my OpenCog project. There will be 7  
> international faculty giving the lectures, including me.  
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> I'd like to have the lectures effectively recorded and edited and  
> placed online, so as to educate folks who can't make it to China this  
> summer.  
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> I don't trust the Chinese university to do this ... to make a long  
> story short, they have a special Chinese way of screwing things up. I  
> found someone (Raj Dye) who is enthused to record and edit the  
> lectures for free, but I need \$2000 to cover his airfare and room and  
> board. Question is whether you're interested to donate \$2K to the  
> summer school for this purpose.  
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> -- Ben  
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> CEO, Novamente LLC and Biomind LLC
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> Critical threshold: Being generally intelligent enough to be
> disappointed by one's own lack of general intelligence
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