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**To:** Rich Kahn <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Fwd: brief update, and question: Interested to fund the video recording and editing of the AGI Summer School lectures, for \$2K?

**Date:** Wed, 29 Apr 2009 12:00:28 +0000

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**From:** Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** April 30, 2009 7:52:01 AM EDT

**To:** Jeevacation <jeevacation@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: brief update, and question: Interested to fund the video recording and editing of the AGI Summer School lectures, for \$2K?

Mechanically: a check for \$2K should be sent to the Singularity Institute for AI (a nonprofit), at my home address...

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Eager of course to reconnect on deeper issues when you have time...

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On Thu, Apr 30, 2009 at 7:51 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Great, thanks!

On Wed, Apr 29, 2009 at 7:48 AM, Jeevacation <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes

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

Hi Jeffrey,

Quick financial update: I've sorted out how to cover my own expenses thru mid-July, via the investment Novamente received.

I've been carrying on with the mathematical formalization stuff I've been doing for the last couple months.

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

[http://www.goertzel.org/AGI\\_Summer\\_School\\_2009.htm](http://www.goertzel.org/AGI_Summer_School_2009.htm)

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).

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.

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.

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.

-- Ben

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