

**From:** Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: timing for meet-up in November ... Re: Visiting in November  
**Date:** Wed, 22 Oct 2014 11:01:50 +0000

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OK, understood...

I'll be around the US the following week too if the 6 doesn't work out...

;)   
ben

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 6:43 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:  
cant be sure yet

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 6:40 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi,

I'm firming up my travel plans; does Nov 6 in NYC still look good for us to meet?

Looking forward to it -- lots to report & discuss!

thx ;)   
ben

On Mon, Oct 6, 2014 at 5:59 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:  
6th looks good at the moment

On Mon, Oct 6, 2014 at 3:10 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jeffrey,

It looks like I'll be at MIT Nov 7-9, and then on the US East Coast (details to be figured out) from Nov 10-17 .... Will sometime in the interval Nov 10-17 work for us to meet up?

If not I could possibly do Nov 5 or 6 or so, before the BICA conference at MIT ... but I'd want to know soon so I can buy plane tickets HK-US accordingly...

Or if this is too far in advance for you to plan a meeting, I can just come and then hope to schedule something with you at the last minute ;)

There is loads of interesting stuff to discuss!!

Thanks a lot,   
Ben

On Wed, Sep 17, 2014 at 11:09 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Great!

Do you want to arrange the particular date now, or should I ping you about it in a couple weeks?

I will probably need to buy plane tickets for the trip around Oct 1, and it would be good to incorporate knowledge of the date of our meeting to trip planning...

Thanks a lot,  
Ben

On Wed, Sep 17, 2014 at 7:47 PM, jeffrey E. <[jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com)> wrote:  
yes look forward to it

On Wed, Sep 17, 2014 at 7:38 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jeffrey,

I hope you've been well !

I'll be in the US in early November for the BICA conference at MIT (Nov 7-9; I guess Joscha will attend as well)... and probably stay in the US for a little bit after that...

I wonder if we could meet up at some point during my US visit -- either in Boston if you'll be there around that time, or in New York, or anywhere else that you prefer...

It would be good to show you some of the stuff we've been up to with OpenCog, if you can spare a couple hours. Lots going on ;) ... (due to the efforts of the team in Hong Kong, plus some of the guys in Ethiopia...) ... our NLP/reasoning work is advancing quite a bit, as well as some video game world and robotics stuff...

As an aside, our AI hedge fund project looks like it's going to go forward and we'll probably start trading early next year. We had been struggling with HK equity data, but shifting to US equities and global futures (in the last couple months) has given us much nicer historical prediction accuracies (largely due to the lower transaction costs on these markets). Next step is to run backtests on these other markets, and then try it all on data from 2012-2014, which we have held out as "virgin data" for last-ditch testing... and then if that works, trade real money.... I have been splitting my time between OpenCog and the trading project and am sick to death of quantitative finance and eager to shift more time to OpenCog; but I would rather ramp down my time on the finance project on a successful note (i.e. after getting a tradable system working), and at the moment it seems to be going in that direction...

Thanks,  
Ben

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