

Partners Monthly Progress Statement

Project Code 10500

Project Acronym VISICAST

Objectives continued	<i>Progress towards achieving objectives</i>
<p>It will in the Research Work Packages</p> <p>2 Develop systems for the generation, storage and transmission of virtual signing.</p> <p>3 Refine user-friendly methods for capturing signs (WP4 Animation and Modelling)</p> <p>4 Create a machine-readable notation to describe sign-language gestures (hand, face and body) which can be used to retrieve stored gestures or to build them from low-level motion components.</p> <p>5 Use this descriptive language to produce tools that can translate from both speech and text into signing. (WP5 Language and Notation)</p> <p>6 Trial and evaluate the Application prototypes (WP6 Trials and Evaluation)</p> <p>7 Ensure effective management, external communications and publicity for the project (WP7 Project Management, External Communications and Publicity)</p> <p>8 Ensure appropriate exploitation and dissemination of results (WP8 Exploitation and Dissemination)</p>	<p>WP 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed HamNoSys refinements draft under internal evaluation. ▪ Potential grammar development tools analysed in the light of the special needs of sign language grammar and phonology: continued, communication with authors <p>WP 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation at the largest conference of the sign language research community (TISLR) delivered

4 - Dissemination / Promotional Information**4.1 Conferences and/or Workshops attended/foreseen**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of conference/workshop</i>	<i>No of People</i>	<i>Title of presented Paper</i>
22.- 27.07.00	7 th Int'l Conference on Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research, Amsterdam	300	Virtual Signing: First Steps on the Way to Machine Translation into Sign Language (UH, IVD)

Table 6.1 Effort for the reporting period (decimal man months)

P No	Short Name	Work Packages	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
		Staff Name									
4	UH	Volkert Backs					0.75			0.25	1.0
		Hortensia Popescu		0.5							0.5
		Total		0.5			0.75				1.5

Table 6.2 Effort for the reporting period (person hours)

P No	Short Name	Work Packages	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
		Staff Name									
4	UH	Volkert Backs					120			40	160
		Hortensia Popescu		80.0							80
		Actual Hours Total		80.0			120				240
		Planned Hours		66.7			191			0	258.0
		Acumulated Hours		280			750			40	1070

Important Note

The QTR figure is the number of hours stated in the Electra form for your organisation divided by 4 to get the planned quarterly figure for the period. This needs to be apportioned over the WP in which you are working. If your planned hours are not a simple division of the annual put in your own estimates