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**2008 AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence  
comes to Chicago**

*July 13-17, 2008 Hyatt Regency McCormick Place*

**Menlo Park, CA – May 13, 2008.** The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence is pleased to announce this year's AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-08) and the co-located Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI-08) conference will be held in Chicago, July 13-17, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

Each summer at the conference, leaders in the field present their latest work, exhibit the feats of their latest mobile robots, and stage human-vs.-machine and machine-vs.-machine poker and other games. There are broad sets of topics presented during the conference.

This summer's Robot Exhibition, for instance, will showcase cutting edge research in two areas: (1) Robotics and Creativity – the roles creativity plays in robotics such as gaming, dancing, painting, and instrument playing, and (2) Mobility and Manipulation - - advances that speed up robot mobility and/or manipulation

A blue ribbon group of invited speakers will address in the conference, including:

- Eric Horvitz, AAAI President, Senior Researcher at Microsoft Research, will deliver his Presidential address,
- Kenneth M. Ford will speak about building cognitive prostheses,
- David Haussler will describe the 100 Million Years of Evolutionary History of the Human Genome
- Seth Goldstein will discuss the hardware and software challenges involved in realizing Claytronics
- Chris Urmson will discuss the DARPA Urban Challenge

For additional information about the speakers please see

<http://www.aaai.org/Conferences/AAAI/2008/aaai08speakers.php>

For more information about the various aspects of the conferences, please visit:

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**About AAAI**

Founded in 1979, the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (formerly the American Association for Artificial Intelligence) is a nonprofit scientific membership society devoted to advancing the science and practice of AI. Its mission is to: (1) advance the scientific understanding of the mechanisms underlying intelligent thought and behavior, (2) facilitate their embodiment in machines, (3) serve as an information resource for research planners and the general public concerning trends in AI, and (4) offer training for the current and coming generations of AI researchers and practitioners. The Association sponsors a number of conferences and workshops each year. More information can be found at [www.aaai.org](http://www.aaai.org).