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## **AAAI announces newly-elected Fellows**

**Menlo Park, CA – July 1, 2009.** Each year a small number of distinguished AI researchers are elected AAAI Fellows by the membership of AAAI for their unusual distinction in the profession and for their sustained contributions to the field for a decade or more.

The following individuals join this outstanding group of individuals in the AI field. (For a complete list of AI Fellows please see <http://www.aaai.org/Awards/fellows-list.php>.)

Wolfram Burgard, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg  
For significant contributions to mobile robot navigation and environment modeling.

William W. Cohen, Carnegie Mellon University and Google  
For significant contributions to many aspects of the theory and practice of machine learning.

Andrew K. McCallum, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
For significant contributions to the theory and application of information extraction, natural language processing, data mining, machine learning, and their integration.

Jeffrey S. Rosenschein, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
For significant contributions to multiagent systems, automated negotiation, voting mechanisms, and to bringing game-theoretic mechanism design into computer science.

Dan Roth, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign  
For significant contributions to the foundations of machine learning and inference and to developing learning-centered solutions to natural language problems.

Daniela Rus, MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL)  
For significant contributions to the theory and practice of distributed robotics, agents, and sensor networks.

Robert E. Schapire, Princeton University  
For significant contributions to machine learning, including the theory and practice of boosting.

Venkatramanan Siva Subrahmanian, University of Maryland, College Park  
For significant contributions to the study of probabilistic databases, logic programming and agent-based systems.

Pascal R. Van Hentenryck, Brown University  
For significant contributions to constraint satisfaction and reasoning under uncertainty, the development of the widely used CHIP, Numerica, OPL, and Comet systems, and his pioneering role in the inception of constraint programming and its integration in operations research.

An official dinner and ceremony will be held in their honor during the IJCAI-09 Conference (<http://www.ijcai-09.org>) in Pasadena, California, USA this month.

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#### **About AAI**

Founded in 1979, the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence ([www.aaai.org](http://www.aaai.org)) 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. AAI sponsors numerous conference, workshops, and symposia each year.