

Special Announcement

NORTH-WEST ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS GROUP

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The NWAIG has been in operation for five years, actively participating in the dissemination of information related to the application of the techniques of Artificial Intelligence to Industrial situations.

The main aim of the group is to encourage and support the use of *AI* techniques in regional organizations. This central objective has been achieved through seminars, disseminating information about specific applications, organizing discussion and information events and more recently through active collaborative participation in system development. Activities cover areas which include Knowledge Based Systems, Robotics, Machine Learning and Neural Networks. The success of this work has led to the formation of twelve regional Manufacturing Intelligence Clubs under the DTIs Manufacturing Technology Programme.

The NWAIG is managed by a steering committee composed of representatives from eight of the forty member organizations. Blackburn College, in its role as the lead organization, provides support and a well equipped operational base. The group is also in receipt of financial support through its National Activities which are part of the DTIs Manufacturing Technology Programme.

The steering committee of the NWAIG welcome new industrial members, the involvement of researchers with applications to discuss and are also seeking European Collaboration in setting up a network of active industrial support groups using the NWAIG model, for the industrial application of Manufacturing Intelligence. (For further information please contact Dr J. L. Gordon at the address below).

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