GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE: My sincere thanks to Anupam Gupta who has served impressively and effectively as the chair of the Graduate Fellowships Committee since 2015. Nancy Pollard succeeds Anupam as the chair of this committee. Welcome and thanks, Nancy!

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ROBOTICS INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOLARS (RISS): Now in the sixth week of their 11-week RISS program, 58 undergraduate scholars representing 42 universities and 13 countries are off to a fantastic start — excited to dive deeper into their research in the coming weeks and learn about research topics including space robotics and biology-inspired robots.

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— Kites, cofounded in 2015 by Language Technologies Institute professor Alex Waibel, has been acquired by Zoom to bolster the platform’s real-time translation. Kites uses machine translation technology and predictive AI to translate speech or provide subtitles simultaneously as a person is talking. Translated speech will appear before a speaker completes a sentence, and the software will autocorrect on its own if needed. Zoom intends to work with the research scientists at Kites to improve meetings by providing multilanguage translation.

— Congratulations to Fei Fang and Tuomas Sandholm who were recently recognized by the International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) for their significant research in AI. Fang, the Leonardo Assistant Professor in the Institute for Software Research, received the 2021 Computers and Thought Award; Sandholm, the Angel Jordan University Professor of Computer Science, received the 2021 John McCarthy Award. They are among our many faculty members investigating AI — expanding applications and ensuring AI’s ethical, unbiased and transparent use.

— Congratulations to Goran Zuzic, who earned his Ph.D. in computer science last year and is now a postdoc at ETH Zurich. His thesis, “Towards Universal Optimality in Distributed Optimization,” won the 2021 Principles in Distributed Computing Doctoral Dissertation Award.

Until next week,
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REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

Connect with a Dean’s Advisory Committee if you have questions or concerns you want to share. Connect with a representative leader from SCS Council if you’d like to submit a topic for Council to consider. Coronavirus Updates & Information and FAQs

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