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### **AI Excitement at MetroCon**

*Artificial Intelligence strides and the rapid evolution of neural networks will dazzle IEEE conference in October*

**DALLAS (Aug. 8, 2016) – Studies of the human brain and its neural transmitters as a guide to computer applications for Artificial Intelligence [AI] will be an astounding feature at a one-day *Comprehensive Engineering Event* in October.**

**When the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers [IEEE] opens its latest MetroCon conference October 26 a featured presentation will be *Evolution of Neural Networks* by Risto Miikkulainen [pronounced Rees-toe Meek-cue-lay-nen], research fellow at Sentient Technologies, Inc.**

**Scientists have long accepted that our brains were the first computers, consisting of multiple networks that exchange information. Now these principles of neural networks are guiding rapid advances in deep learning as applied to artificial intelligence.**

**According to Miikkulainen, “the big goal of artificial intelligence is to create robots that would act and live in the world around us and be our assistants, go through doors, drive a car, and so on. Industry has become very strongly involved. In the next five or ten years AI will start to appear everywhere and that is going to change our life, as the Internet has changed it, and it will be exciting. When we become so dependent on technology we will have to know it is safe, and build in security from the start.”**

**Miikkulainen, who is also a professor with the University of Texas at Austin, gave a preview of his presentation as a guest today on the ScienceNews Radio Network program, *Promise of Tomorrow with Colonel Mason*. The broadcast can now be heard archived and webcast for its world audience at PromiseOfTomorrow (dot) biz.**

**For 29 straight years the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers [IEEE] has produced this one-day *Comprehensive Engineering Event* held at the**

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**Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas. Sponsored by Lockheed Martin and Oncor Electric Delivery Company, upwards of 500 attendees will study pressing topics that not only include machine intelligence, but cyber security, power and energy systems, biotechnologies, software and systems engineering; with software demos by IBM and Mathworks, plus other emerging technologies. More information about MetroCon, conference registration, sponsoring/exhibiting at: [www \(dot\) metrocon \(dot\) org/](http://www.metrocon.org/).**

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