

interACT – a global partnership among the best

KIT is founding member of and key player in the international center for Advanced Communication Technologies.

The international center for Advanced Communication Technologies, interACT is a joint center between eight of the leading research institutions in the US, Europe and Asia:

- Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh and Silicon Valley, CA, USA,
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, Germany,
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan,
- Italian Institute of Technology, Genova, Italy,
- National Institute of Information and Communications Technology, Tokyo, Japan
- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA
- Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Nara, Japan

Founded in 2004, the center is affiliated with the School of Computer Science at each institution. interACT offers international student exchange programs, seminars and academies and facilitates cross-national research projects.

Student Exchange

interACT is a network of international excellence in key areas of the world and is a model for international teamwork and cooperation. The center aims to exchange knowledge and to jointly train students in an environment of international immersion, where students get to know each other and then collaborate and participate in research projects. interACT's exchange program allows outstanding students to compile their final thesis in one of the partner-labs abroad.

interACT students are financially supported by the eight partners and by the "Baden-Württemberg-Stiftung", Germany. Up to now, more than 100 students were supported and via these exchanges more than 40 new co-operations between the partners were established.

Distinguished Lecture Series

interACT aims at sharing its scientific know-how between the partners. Therefore a distinguished lecture series is organized in order to make the high competence available to a broader audience. Since the official founding of interACT in 2004 more than 25 distinguished lectures were given.

Summer Schools

Research workshops and academies with a cross-institutional and cross-national emphasis to achieve strong research collaboration and significant results are also part of interACT's mission. This ensures cross-cultural internationalization of the faculty, students and staff. Summer Schools are organised on an annual basis, each year hosted by another interACT-partner.



Joint Research and Projects

Joint research and joint projects are interACT's basis. Its partners lead and are involved in numerous international projects, they work closely together in many research projects.

Organization

The collaborative center follows local organizational principles at the eight institutions and operates in a light weight manner. The director of interACT is Prof. Alex Waibel. The center has an Advisory Board that reviews and oversees of the collaborative venture. All partners maintain interACT-offices. They serve as a contact point for researchers and students, wishing to do research in the other country or institution.

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