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REPORT TO THE REAL TIME CLUB

The BMF is making some solid progress this year.

As a result of the joint Real Time Club, Royal Institution presentation by Professor Daniel Dennett's last year and the successful reprint of Chap 24 of his book:-
1. The British Computing Society and Oxford University Press published an article in ITNOW on 'Convergence'.
2. The Cybernetics Machine Specialist Group of the BCS invited us to cooperate in organising a series of joint lectures. The first was held at the BCS London Theatre in January.
3. ITNOW commissioned a series of four articles by Max Jamilly and Charles Ross on the convergence of Computing, Cognitive Neuroscience, Biogenetics, Synthetic Biology and Prosthetic Brains. Members will recall Max's excellent presentation to the May dinner. The third article has recently been published.
4. Simon Krystman and Tam McDonald have joined the Board and are organising a series of meeting in 2017. The First with the Royal Society of Arts in Oxford.
5. The web site is being updated and made more interactive.

Following discussions with Dan Dennett and Prof A C Grayling (Master of the New College of the Humanities) we have set up a cross disciplinary Working Group to study possible **DEFINITIONS of INTELLIGENCE** to support the international work on the convergence of human and AI.

Six BMF members have joined this Working Group. We have pulled together some forty + research and other papers, and prepared a Framework document (attached + annotated list of these appendices). This is part 'treatment' for a potential book, part draft 'agenda' to help structure the discussion, and part 'outline of 'definitions'. The appendices will be uploaded to www.brainmindforum.org shortly.

We have held three meetings with the publishers, World Scientific who are interested in publishing a book of our findings. They have put this 'framework' out to preliminary peer review.

If you would like to join this Brain Mind Forum Working Group please could you let tam@healthywhat.com have a pic plus a few words introducing you, plus a few words why you think the Brain Mind Forum in general and this initiative in particular is important?
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