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To the Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center,

Subject: Letter of impression for the AAAI-23 conference

I am writing this letter of impression following my participation in the AAAI-23 event.

I will start by describing some technicalities; The duration of the conference was one week, and it featured the main event, workshop events, and other programs such as exhibitions and a job fair. There were a lot of participants, which were students, researchers, and people from the industry. During the conference there were both oral presentations and poster sessions. The center itself featured one large hall and many smaller rooms for the oral talks.

Regarding the content, every day of the main event started with 1-2 invited talks, followed by technical talks. All the talks covered wide areas in AI, including but not limited to Knowledge Representation, Search, Multi Agent Systems, Robotics, Vision, Game Theory and Reinforcement Learning. An online program schedule helped participants navigate and attend talks that were of interest for them. Apart from that, every talk was allowed to present a poster in the poster session to further communicate their research (This was personally my favorite part since this allowed me to draw the attention of researchers that were not present in my oral presentation). Moreover, the poster sessions allowed me to familiarize myself with the latest research rather quickly, and create new connection which may lead to future collaborations.

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning the bridge programs that occurred in the first two days, where the main goal was to get researchers from different areas to meet and discuss topics that might benefit from collaboration. The format was the same as the main event, featuring invited talks, sessions, and breaks in between. I personally attended the AI and Business Process Management bridge program where researchers from the different AI fields presented works for improving processes (for example, how to efficiently manage queues or navigate drones).

To summarize, this conference was big in scale and featured many different areas of interest. It provided adequate opportunities for researchers to present their work as well as to learn about other works, create connections, and look at problems from different points of view. I highly recommend submitting works to that conference.

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