

## **UKIERI Mission for Excellence**

The UKIERI hosted yet another successful event and brought together around 30 scientists from UK and India in the field of Artificial Intelligence to a Round-table on 11 and 12 December in Hyderabad. This event also offered an opportunity to showcase the UK expertise and creativity in Artificial Intelligence to researchers and students through tutorials in Chennai and Hyderabad. The programme was organised in partnership with two of our key partners in India, the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad and the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

The programme is part of an Information Technology Initiative under the UK-India Education and Research Initiative ([www.ukieri.org](http://www.ukieri.org)) to promote partnerships in Information Technology, facilitated by Mr Derek Wyatt, Member of Parliament, UK.

Derek Wyatt has been closely associated with the British Council in building partnerships in Information Technology between India and the UK. He led an IT inward mission in June 2007 to leading institutions and IT companies in Hyderabad and Bangalore. As a follow-up to this mission, again under Derek's leadership, an Indo-UK seminar on Building Partnerships in Information Technology was organised in Feb 2008 in London to further showcase the opportunities for partnerships. This IT initiative has enabled Indian and UK institutions to identify areas for collaboration and reinforced the importance of building mutually beneficial links.

The Round-table was a huge success and the scientists have gone back identifying partners for research collaboration. The proceedings of the Round-table will be uploaded shortly.