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Dear Dr. Usui,

I wish to thank you again for your kind invitation to attend and talk at the RIKEN BSI Symposium of Neuroinformatics Research in Vision last week.

I was much impressed by the quality of the work presented during talks by several participants to the Visiome project. The groups make clearly very effective use of the Visiome Platform website facilities which clearly are excellent. This project confirms the important positive contribution neuroinformatics research and development can have on neuroscience research projects. I am looking forward to the public release of the Visiome Platform as it will surely have a big international impact.

The symposium ended with public debate and discussion and this was also quite impressive. I have attended too many meetings where the general discussion was a lame affair with little audience participation. In contrast the general discussion at the RIKEN BSI symposium was lively and several important issues were covered. Congratulations to both audience and organizers are deserved!

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. E. De Schutter