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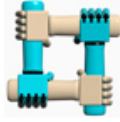
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International Federation of Robotics to run Advanced Robotics E-Symposium

The Advanced Robotics E-Symposium will be held online on July 7 2005. Its international outreach, cutting edge topics and line-up of world-renowned experts already makes it one of the 'must-attend' fixtures of this year for the corporate, governmental, professional and academic communities.

London, 25 April 2005 – The International Federation of Robotics, in conjunction with e-symposium Ltd, are presenting the 1st International Advanced Robotics E-Symposium (AdRob 2005). It will be held online, on July 7 2005 and the entire web conference will be made available via a presentation archive which will go live 48 hours after the event (for over 12 months).

This international web conference, co-organised by the International Federation of Robotics aims at facilitating industry intelligence gathering and simulating knowledge sharing amongst members of the global personal, mobile and service robotics community. The theme of the E-Symposium is "Current and Emerging Applications" and strategic partners of the E-Symposium include the Fraunhofer IPA Institute and EURON the European Robotics Research Network.

The purpose of the International Federation of Robotics is to promote research, development, use and international co-operation in the entire field of robotics to act as a focal point for academics, industries, organisations and governmental representatives in activities related to robotics. Whilst its annual International Robotics Symposium supports this cause, it is the Advanced Robotics E-Symposium which can reach out to all corners of the world, enabling those who have limited time and budget to part-take in a world-leading event on specialist robotics topics from the convenience of their own working location.

The Federation is the undisputed international robotics body (it is the only International Robot Federation which publishes yearly in cooperation with UNECE (United Nations Geneva) an extensive statistical analysis of the robotics market in the world]. "With its international recognition and know-how, the International Federation of Robotics is now also responding to the rapidly growing market of non-industrial robotics by running this world-leading event which is expected to attract in excess of 1000 industry professionals from all over the world.", says Herman Verbrugge, General Secretary of the IFR.

"Personal, Service and Mobile Robotics are rapidly gaining momentum and it is vital to establish a dialogue between the labs, corporations and suppliers to ensure the smooth birth of this embryonic market.", says Martin Haegele, Head of Robotics at the Fraunhofer IPA Institute and Head of the Service Robotics Working Group at the International Federation of Robotics.

World-renowned speakers will share indispensable insights into Robotic-Assisted Surgery, Human-Robot Interaction, Humanoid Robotics, Mechanics of Manipulation, Intelligent Robotics - Learning Robots, Field & Mobile Robotics (UGVs, UAVs & UUVs), Service Robotics, Micro & Cellular Robotics, Intelligent Robotic Control, Personal Robotics, Advances in Artificial Intelligence, Vision Systems & Behavior Control and more.

Registration for industry professionals is free of charge. "The unique value of this international web conferences is that they cut down the budget and time barriers usually associated with offline conferences", says Val-Pierre Genton, Managing Director of e-symposium. The free-of-charge strategy is expected to generate attendance levels in excess of 1,000 delegates and create unprecedented knowledge-sharing from experts to delegates. It seems that the E-Symposium covers every angle – not only can delegates attend high quality presentations from the convenience of their own working location, but they can also interact with their international colleagues via cutting edge web-based instant messaging technology. Delegates can even create private, secured 'rooms' to have closed meetings. With training and travel budgets tight or non-existent, this certainly is a relief for academics, industries, organisations and governmental representatives. "Our joint mission is to facilitate the gathering of industry intelligence and to stimulate international knowledge sharing", says Val-Pierre Genton. Well, it looks like the Advanced Robotics E-Symposium 2005 does just that.

For more information and to register, visit the AdRob 2005 homepage at <http://www.adrob.e-symposium.com>.