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**Participants**

Herman Bruyninckx (coord.), KUL, BE	Miguel Salichs, UC3M, ES
Rüdiger Dillmann, UKA, DE	Jüri Vain, TTU, EST
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Alicia Casals, UPC, ES	Kostas Kyriakopoulos, NTUA, GR
Roland Siegwart, EPFL, CH	George Kovacs, SZTAKI, HU
Bruno Siciliano, UNINA, IT	Amiram Moshaiov, TAU, IL
Frans Groen, UVA, NL	Jorge Dias, ISR, PT
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Erwin Prassler, GPS, DE	Juha Röning, UOULU, SF
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**Introduction**

Herman Buyninckx welcomed everybody to the last EURON II Board meeting and presented *the meeting agenda* as follows:

- Final review preparations
- Roadmap status
- Video status
- Finalising all KA activities

**Final Review preparations**

Board members suggested venue and dates for the final review.

- **Venue:** Zürich in connection to IRSS (before or after)
- **Dates:** 23-24 June'08 or 24-25 June'08 or 27-28 June'08. It was noted that 28 June is a Saturday and might not be accepted by the Commission
- The information above must be sent to the project officer Anne Bajart immediately to make sure that she has enough time to contact the reviewers
- travel costs to the review meeting are eligible costs and will be covered by KTH/EURON

## Roadmap status

- DR 1.4 Final EURON Research Roadmap harmonized with the industrial Strategic Research Agenda must be ready to be sent to the Commission by the end of April 2008
- Rüdiger Dillmann says that there is still some work to be done and an extra meeting will be held in Stuttgart. 55 people had already confirmed their attendance at the moment of this Board meeting.
- It was previously planned that the final publication of the final version and distribution of it to all EURON members would be done during the current annual meeting, but this work is now being delayed. The budget for this activity is approximately 50000 euro (as part of KTH-CO budget)
- There is still some work left to do in order to integrate the Benchmarks into the Roadmap as previously suggested and planned. Rüdiger Dillmann and Angel del Pobil will meet to discuss this issue.

## Video status – report from Alicia Casals

- 5 videos are made to be part of a 20 minutes film. Each video alone is 12 minutes long.
- the draft version of one of the videos is shown to the EURON annual meeting participants. The members are still invited to send more material, comments and suggestions
- more time is needed to finalise the video and make the potential translations to other languages than English, but the deliverable must be ready to be sent to the EC before the final review meeting
- all costs connected to the production of the video must be registered before end of April
- an agreement between the company responsible for production of the video and KTH must be signed and the payment will be done from KTH by invoice
- the video will hopefully be finalised by June and should be distributed to all EURON II members. It is advised that the national representatives of EURON should also contact the local TV and press in order to make a broader distribution to the public. Bruno Siciliano has promised to contact a new TV show that he recently learned about and make a suggestion to them to include EURON video into their programme
- It was suggested to make the video accessible through the web page.
- Miguel Salichs pointed out that it is important that the authors of robot/experiments that are part of the videos are clearly identified. He suggested that each presentation of robot/experiments should include a small banner with the name of the institution that has made it. Alicia Casals' answer to this was that a small logo of each participating lab would be put over the scenes. Also, a list of contributors will be put at the end of the video as requested.
- According to Alicia there is a lot of raw material left after submissions of the video material by the EURON members. A discussion whether this submitted material should be put on the web or not was raised up. Alicia's conclusion was that as this would imply a lot of extra effort in getting permissions from the authors it would be better not to do this.

- The copy right issue has been discussed and it was first suggested that it would belong to UPC, but it would probably be best if it belongs to KTH, as the invoice for production of the video is paid from there

## **Finalising all KA**

No comments concerning the other Key Areas or final deliverables were given by the Board.

## **Other issues**

The Board members discussed the plans for the new EURON:

- Herman underlines that all future activities of EURON will from now on be decided by the new board. For now there is only one proposal available presented by Herman and John to the community and it is not a given fact that all people who volunteered to work as supplementary members agree with this proposal. There is still much to discuss and this could be done at the first meeting of the new board which must take place very soon in order to keep the continuity of the network
- it was suggested to build some kind of an advisory committee from EURON II board
- it was decided that all Board members of EURON II will be available for contact by the new board
- John Hallam will contact Henrik Christensen in order to transfer the ownership of the web page
- It is unclear if, where and when the next EUROS will be organised – one of the questions to be discussed by the new board
- all agree that it would be a lost if the tradition of EURON annual meetings is discontinued. It has to be organised next year. A suggestion was made to try to organise it in connection to other robotics events in Europe. Possibilities for sponsorship or coalitions with other organisations such as EUnited were discussed.

**End of meeting**