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The 2008 annual EURON meeting was held on March 28th (The public webpage of the event can be found [here](#).) The local organization of the meeting was done by Libor Přeučil from the Department of Cybernetics, Czech Technical University in Prague.

1 Technical Programme

- 09:00 Welcome to the EURON annual meeting (Year 4) (Herman Bruyninckx, Libor Přeučil)
- 09:10 Plenary session—Herman Bruyninckx, KUL
- EURON - last year retrospection
 - Continuation of EURON activities (new EURON)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:45 Keynote talk: ABB's view on future research in robotics, Sönke Kock (ABB Corporate Research)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Session I
- Georges Giralt PhD Award – nominees give their presentations.
 - EURON/EUnited Robotics Technology Transfer Award for innovations arising from cooperation between academia and industry (presentations).
- 15:15 Break
- 15:35 Poster session
- 16:35 Good Experimental Methodologies and Benchmarking (SIG presentation)
- 16:55 Cooperative Robotics (SIG presentation)
- 17:10 Award Ceremony
- 17:30 EURON II Summary — (end of EURON plenary session)

2 Highlights

More than 150 people participated to the Annual Meeting (which was only one day long, due to the organization of the European Robotics Symposium (EUROS'08) the two days before). Once more, this Annual Meeting event proved to be a very appreciated initiative, because of its unique informal opportunities to discuss about academic robotics research in Europe. However, the Annual Meeting seems to attract only senior EURON members, since the Board's focus point of this year was not very successful: we wanted to improve the participation of PhD students (by providing extra travel reimbursements and scheduling an *PhD meets industry* activity), but only a handful of them profited from this opportunity.

Dr. Kock's keynote was very well received, and proved that the connections and interactions between academic and industrial robotics research are intensifying.