10th International Conference on Climbing and Walking Robots and the Supporting Technologies for Mobile Machines

CLAWAR 2007 Conference Guide



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Welcome Message

Robotics is an exciting field in engineering and natural sciences. Robotics has already made important widespread contributions and impact in industrial robots for tasks such as assembly, welding, painting, and material handling. In parallel, we have also witnessed the emergence of special robots which perform valuable jobs, in non-industrial environments such as in search and rescue, de-mining, surveillance, exploration, and security missions. Furthermore, research and development works are currently in progress in the robotics technology for use in the domestic and professional service sector. The emergence of mobile machines, such as climbing and walking robots, for these missions in un-structured environments, has significantly broadened challenges that must be considered by robotics research. This includes not only the technological and engineering aspects including standardization, but also socio-economic and ethical aspects.

CLAWAR 2007 is the tenth in a series of international conferences organized annually since 1998 with the aim to report on latest research and development findings and to provide a forum for scientific discussion and debate within the mobile service robotics community. The series has grown in its popularity significantly over the years, and has attracted researchers and developers from across the globe. The CLAWAR 2007 proceedings reports the latest scientific and developmental achievements, future challenges and exciting applications of mobile machines in general, and climbing and walking robots in particular, presented at the CLAWAR 2007 conference, held in Singapore during 16-18 July 2007, in eighty-six technical presentations by authors from 22 countries covering the five continents. The text of the proceedings is organized into five parts: Plenary Introduction, Advances in Climbing Robots, Advances in Walking Robots, Advances in Humanoid Soccer Playing Robots, and Supporting Technologies.

The editors would like to thank members of the International Programme Committee, International Technical Advisory/Organizing Committee and National Organizing Committee for their hard work in creating a well-run and productive meeting, for their efforts in reviewing the submissions, and to the authors in responding to comments and suggestions of the reviewers. It is hoped that this edition of the CLAWAR conference proceedings forms a valuable addition to the scientific and developmental knowledge in mobile robotics.

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The name tag is your identification to gain entry to all events of CLAWAR 2007 and MUST be worn at all times.

Language

The official language of the conference is English.

Registration and On-site Secretariat Opening Hours

Date	Opening Hours	Venue
16 July 2007	0800 – 1700 hrs	VIP Room, Level 3
17 July 2007	0830 – 1700 hrs	VIP Room, Level 3
18 July 2007	0830 – 1700 hrs	VIP Room, Level 3

CLAWAR 2007 Secretariat

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Exhibition

Date	: 16 to 18 July 2007
Venue	: Foyer of Venus Ballroom
Opening Hours	: 0900 – 1700 hours

Audio-visual Equipment

There will be a data projector, a pointer, a microphone, and a computer available in each presentation room. Please approach the conference helpers in the respective rooms to load your presentation slides.

Lunches

Buffet lunches will be provided to all registered CLAWAR2007 participants on 16, 17, and 18 July 2007. Lunches will be served at Venus 2. Additional lunch tickets may be purchased at the price of \$\$30.

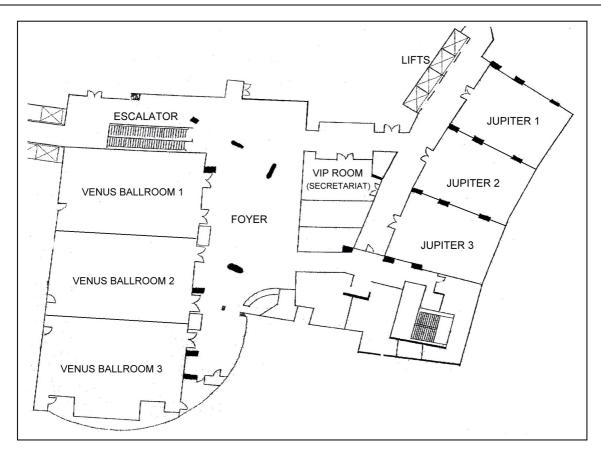
Social Functions

The conference awards banquet will be held in the Mercury Ballroom (Level 5, next to hotel's swimming pool) on 17 July between 18h30 and 20h30. Banquet tickets are issued to registered participants (full rate). Additional tickets could be purchased at the price of S\$100.

Conference Venue

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VENUE FLOOR PLANS



Secretariat Room	VIP Room	Level 3
Opening Ceremony	Venus Ballroom 1	Level 3
Plenary Sessions	Venus Ballroom 1	Level 3
Parallel Sessions	Venus Ballroom 1	Level 3
	Venus Ballroom 3	Level 3
Exhibition	Foyer of Venus Ballroom	Level 3
Tea breaks	Foyer of Venus Ballroom	Level 3
Luncheons	Venus Ballroom 2	Level 3
Conference Dinner	Mercury Ballroom	Level 5
Farewell Reception	Foyer of Venus Ballroom	Level 3

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Time	16 July Mon			ly 2007 sday		y 2007 esday
8:30 – 8:45	Opening Session (Venus 1)		Briefing Session (Venus 1)		Briefing Session (Venus 1)	
8:45 – 9:30	Plenary Talk 1 (Venus 1)		Plenary Talk 2 (Venus 1)		Plenary Talk 3 (Venus 1)	
9:30 – 10:00	Tea Break Foyer of Venus Ballroom		Tea Break Foyer of Venus Ballroom		Tea Break Foyer of Venus Ballroom	
10:00 – 12:40	M11 Climbing Robots 1 (Venus 1)	M12 Walking Robots 1 (Venus 3)	T11 Walking Robots 2 (Venus 1)	T12 Supporting Technologies 2 (Venus 3)	Walking	11 Robots 3 us 1)
12:40 – 13:45	Lunch (Venus 2) (Venus 2)			Lunch (Venus 2)		
13:45 – 14:30	Plenary Talk 5 (Venus 1)		Exhibition (Foyer)		Plenary Talk 4 (Venus 1)	
14:30 – 15:00	Tea Break Foyer of Venus Ballroom			Break nus Ballroom		Break nus Ballroom
15:00 – 16:40	M21 Supporting Technologies 1	M22 Climbing Robots 2	T21 Climbing Robots 3	T22 Supporting Technologies 3	W21 Humanoid Soccer Robots (Venus 1)	W22 Supporting Technologies 4 (Venus 3)
16:40 – 17:40	(Venus 1)	(Venus 3)	(Venus 1)	(Venus 3)	Farewell	- 17:40 Reception yer)
18:30 – 20:30	End of	Day 1	(Mercury	Banquet Ballroom) evel 5)	End of Co	onference
			End o	f Day 2		

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Plenary Talks

Bipedal Humanoid Robot and Its Applications Speaker: Professor Atsuo Takanishi



Date: 16 July 2007 Time: 8h45 – 9h30 Venue: Venus 1 Session Chair: Osman Tokhi

ABSTRACT

Even though the market size is still small at this moment, applied fields of robots are gradually spreading from the manufacturing industry to the others in recent years. One can now easily expect that applications of robots will expand into the first and the third industrial fields as one of the important components to support our society in the 21st century. There also raises strong anticipations in Japan that robots for the personal use will coexist with humans and provide supports such as the assistance for the housework, care of the aged and the physically handicapped, since Japan is one the fastest aging societies in the world. Consequently, humanoid robots and/or animaloid robots have been treated as subjects of robotics researches in Japan such as a research tool for human/animal science, an entertainment/mental-commit robot or an assistant/agent for humans in the human living environment. Over the last couple of years, some manufactures including famous global companies started to develop prototypes or even to sell mass production robots for the purposes mentioned above, such as SONY, TMSUK, ZMP, TOYOTA, HONDA, etc. Most of those robots have two legs for its mobility. On the other hand, Waseda University, where we belong to, has been one of the leading research sites on bipedal walking robot and humanoid robot research since the late Prof. Ichiro Kato and his colleagues started the WABOT (WAseda roBOT) Projects and developed the historical humanoid robots that are WABOT-1 and WABOT-2 done in the early 70s and 80s respectively. One of the most important aspects of our research philosophy is as follows: By constructing anthropomorphic/humanoid robots that function and behave like a human, we are attempting to develop a design method of a humanoid robot having human two legs to coexist with humans naturally and symbiotically, as well as to scientifically build not only the physical model of a human but also the mental model of it from the engineering view point. Based upon the philosophy, I and my colleagues have been doing researches on bipedal humanoid robots. In my plenary speech I will introduce the research philosophy of bipedal humanoid robotics, the design and the control of the robots and its applications collaborating with robotics companies.

ABOUT

ATSUO TAKANISHI is a Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Waseda University and a concurrent Professor and one of the core members of the HRI (Humanoid Robotics Institute), Waseda University. He received the B.S.E. degree in 1980, the M.S.E. degree in 1982 and the Ph.D. degree in 1988, all in Mechanical Engineering from Waseda University.

Climbing up the Wall Speaker: Professor John Billingsley



Date: 17 July 2007 Time: 8h45 – 9h30 Venue: Venus 1 Session Chair: Gurvinder Virk

ABSTRACT

A move to inland Australia meant leaving the industrial stimulus of Portsmouth, where walking robots could be sold to the nuclear industry, and concentrating more on agricultural applications. Nevertheless a ceiling runner was successfully developed here (and shown on UK TV) and research is making strides on several other walking projects.

One impetus for precise vision guidance of tractors is the concept of 'controlled traffic', minimising the compressive 'footprint' of the vehicle on the growing zone. Could legged agricultural implements improve on best performance? Australian methods differ in ways that could make them more attractive than in Europe.

ABOUT

JOHN BILLINGSLEY graduated in mathematics and in electrical engineering from Cambridge University in 1960. After four years working in the aircraft industry on autopilot design, he returned to Cambridge and gained a PhD in control theory in 1968. He led research teams in Cambridge University developing early 'mechatronic' systems including a laser phototypesetting system which was the precursor of the laser printer and the 'acoustic telescope' which enabled sound source distributions to be visualised (this was used in the development of jet engines with reduced noise). He moved to Portsmouth Polytechnic in 1976, where he founded the Robotics Research Group. The results of the Walking Robot unit led to the foundation of Portech Ltd, which for many years supplied systems to the nuclear industry for inspection and repair of containment vessels. Other units in the Robotics group gained substantial funding for research in quality control and in the integration of manufacturing systems with the aid of transputers.

From Micro to Nano and Swarm Robots Speaker: Professor Heinz Woern



Time: 8h45 – 9h30
Venue: Venus 1
Session Chair: Jean-Guy Fontaine

ABSTRACT

Current research in Micro, Nano and Swarm Robots and results of the European projects MINIMAN, MICRON and I-SWARM will be presented. First, the design and the control of 5 to 10 cm³ sized mobile-microrobots with five degrees of freedom will be shown. They can handle miniaturized parts as for example an optical component or a biological cell with a size in the micrometre-area with an accuracy of 100nm under a microscope or a raster-electron microscope. Second, the design and the control of a 1 cm³-sized mobile untethered microrobot will be demonstrated. Here, the robot consists of five parts: the Piezzo locomotion module, the micro control unit, the communication unit, the navigation system and the micro gripper. The mobile robot can be guided and positioned in an arena with and accuracy of 5 micrometres and can be programmed and controlled over the wireless communication unit. Third, the design and the control of 9 mm³ sized micro-/nanorobots with 3 degrees of freedom will be presented. The transmission of energy and the communication between the robots is realized via infrared. The robot controller is fully integrated and has limited functionalities. Via basic sensors communication functions and elementary rules and behaviours the microrobot can act in a swarm consisting of hundreds and thousands of robots. Future applications could be monitoring-, inspection-, exploring-tasks etc. of big areas or objects. Principal methods for swarm control , self-organiziation and collective behaviour of such an "insect-like swarm" will also be shown.

ABOUT

Prof. Woern was born in 1948 and studied electronic engineering at the University of Stuttgart. He did his Phd thesis on "multi processor control systems". He is an expert on robotics and automation with 18 years of industrial experience. In 1997 he became Professor at the University of Karlsruhe for "Complex Systems in Automation and Robotics" and also head of the Institute for Process Control and Robotics at the University of Karlsruhe. Prof. Woern lead a group of about 35 scientists research in the field of robotics and the work focused on the areas of industrial robots, humanoid robots, medicine robots, micro and swarm robots.

Climbing Robots for Nondestructive Testing: Historical Perspective and Future Trends Speaker: Professor Bryan Bridge



Date: 18 July 2007 Time: 13h45 – 14h30 Venue: Venus 1 Session Chair: Ming Xie

ABSTRACT

It is perhaps not well known that mobile robots were already deployed in Nondestructive Testing (NDT) in the early 1970's, well before fixed robots came into use on manufacturing plant. The need for NDT robots first arose with the growth in exploitation of the world's oil and gas supplies. Vast length of pipeline are involved in transporting these supplies from source to multiple destinations. Sediment and chemicals in the unrefined products cause rapid cause inner wall thinning from both erosion and chemical attack. Pipe rupture at just one point, anywhere along a pipe can cause a major environmental disaster so there was always a need to inspect complete lengths of long runs of pipe. The handling of inspection sensors by human operators would thus always involve vast and costly numbers of personnel. This situation begged for sensor handling by mobile robot. A second reason for robotic deployment arose from the fact that many pipelines were buried underground, under concrete or ran along the sea bed before rising to the surface (risers). Human placement of sensors is impossible in these cases.

ABOUT

Professor Bryan Bridge was born in 1941 and graduated in physics at the University of Leeds, where he also was a research student in low temperature physics. From 1965 until 1989 he was successively assistant lecturer, lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Physics at Brunel University. In 1989 he became Professor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Head of the Department of the same name at the now London South Bank University. Subsequently he became in turn, Head of the School of Electrical, Electronic and Information Engineering, The School of Engineering and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology until 2003. Since then he devoted all his working time to personal research and research management.

A Road from Walking Machines to Surgical Robots: Digital Mechatronics Speaker: Professor Steven Dubowsky



Date: 16 July 2007 Time: 13h45 – 14h30 Venue: Venus 1 Session Chair: Kenneth J. Waldron

ABSTRACT

Digital mechatronic devices approximate the motion of continuous mechanisms by using a larger numbers of binary Degrees-of-Freedom. Digital mechatronic devices have excellent repeatability, are reliable, robust and are simple to control. Artificial muscle actuators that are made of elastomers are ideally suited digital mechatronic devices. These actuators have unique properties such as very large strain and large forces. They are light and inexpensive.

In the work presented here digital mechatronic systems were first considered for planetary exploration walking robots. This study has lead to the development of surgical robots that can function effectively inside of MRI systems with important medical benefits.

ABOUT

Dr. Dubowsky is a Professor Departments in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is the director of MIT Field and Space Robotics Laboratory (http://robots.mit.edu/).. He is the Principal Investigator of a number of research programs sponsored by organizations that include DARAP, NASA, The US Navy, The Center For the Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology, industry, the Japanese Space Agency and the British government. The research of these programs focus on the design and control of robotic systems. Dr. Dubowsky has published over 300 technical and he is a Fellow of the ASME and of the IEEE.

Program on 16 July 2007 Monday

Monday, 16 July 2007, Morning

8:30 - 8:45	0 – 8:45 Opening Address, Venus 1, Level 3		
8:45 – 9:30			
		plications by Professor Atsuo Takanishi	
	Session Chair: Osman Tokhi		
9:30 – 10:00	Venue: Venus 1, Level 3 9:30 – 10:00 Tea Break, Foyer of Venus, Level 3		
10:00 - 12:40	rea Break, reyer or verius, Lever s	10:00 – 12:40	
	Climbing Robots (1)	M12 Session: Walking Robots (1)	
	: Osman Tokhi	Session Chair: Atsuo Takanishi	
Venue: Venus	1, Level 3	Venue: Venus 3, Level 3	
10:00 - 10:20		10:00 – 10:20	
A SLIDING SOCK LOCOMOTION MODULE FOR A RESCUE ROBOT		USING VIRTUAL MODEL CONTROL AND GENETIC ALGORITHM TO OBTAIN STABLE BIPEDAL WALKING GAIT THROUGH OPTIMIZING THE ANKLE TORQUE	
,	, Matteo Zoppi and Rezia Molfino)	(Van-Huan Dau, Chee-Meng Chew and Aun-Neow Poo)	
10:20 - 10:40		10:20 - 10:40	
	AS SNAKELIKE ROBOTIC SYSTEM L NUMBER OF DOF	THINKING ABOUT BOUNDING AND GALLOPING USING SIMPLE MODELS	
	ovsky, Natalia Petrovskaya, Vladimir /ladimir Pavlovsky, Jr)	(Kenneth Waldron, Joaquin Estremera, Paul Csonka and Surya Singh)	
10:40 – 11:00		10:40 – 11:00	
DEVELOPMENT OF A CLIMBING ROBOT FOR WELD INSPECTION		RESEARCH ON UNDERACTUATED DYNAMICAL WALKING OF 3D BIPED ROBOT	
(Jianzhong Shang, Bryan Bridge, Tariq Sattar, Shymal Mondal and Alina Brenner)		(Sheng Tao and Ma Hongxu)	
11:00 – 11:20		11:00 – 11:20	
	A NEW LEG MECHANISM FOR THE ALL CLIMBING ROBOT	MOVEMENT SIMULATION FOR MERO MODULAR WALKING ROBOT	
(Hejin Yang, Yili Fu, Zhihai Li and Shuguo Wang)		(Ion Ion, Ion Simionescu, Adrian Curaj and Alexandru Marin)	
11:20 – 11:40		11:20 – 11:40	
INTELLIGENT SPIDER WALKING ROBOT FOR ROUGH TERRAIN		DETECTING SOUND SOURCES WITH THE HUMANOID ROBOT RH-1	
(Michael McCready, Liqiong Tang and Gurvinder Singh Virk)		(Pavel Staroverov, Ricardo Martinez, Dmitry Kaynov, Mario Arbulu, Luis Cabas and Carlos Balaguer)	
11:40 – 12:00		11:40 – 12:00	
ON THE DESIGN OF A FOUR-BAR MECHANISM FOR OBSTACLES CLIMBING WHEELS		CONSTRAINT BASED TRAJECTORY SIMPLIFICATION OF FULL BODY TRAJECTORIES FOR A WALKING ROBOT	
(Antonio Gon: Ceccarelli)	zález, Erika Ottaviano and Marco	(Hanns Tappeiner and Alfred Rizzi)	

12:00 – 12:20	12:00 – 12:20
THE CONTROL OF QUADRUPED WALKING ROBOT BASED ON BIOLOGICALLY INSPIRED APPROACH	DESIGN AND PROBLEMS OF A NEW LEG-WHEEL WALKING ROBOT
(Choi Hyouk Ryeol, Kang Tae Hun, Koo Ig Mo and Song Young Kuk)	(Cristina Tavolieri, Erica Ottaviano, Marco Ceccarelli and Andrea Nardelli)
12:20 – 12:40	12:20 – 12:40
SERVICING SOLAR POWER PLANTS WITH WALLWALKER	A PROPOSAL FOR BIPEDAL LOCOMOTION USING GYROSCOPIC EFFECT
(Ridha Azaiz)	(Pulkit Kapur, Rahul Mukhi and Vinayak)
12:40 – 13:45 Lunch, Venus 2, Level 3	_

Monday, 16 July 2007, Afternoon

13:45 – 14:30 Plenary Talk 5: A Road from Walking Machines to Surgical Robots: Digital Mechatronics by Professor Steven Dubowsky Session Chair: Kenneth J. Waldron Venue, Venus 1, Level 3			
14:30 – 15:00 Tea Break, Foyer of Venus, Level 3	•		
15:00 – 17:40 M21 Session: Supporting Technologies (1) Session Chair: Giovanni Muscato Venue: Venus 1, Level 3	15:00 – 17:40 M22 Session: Climbing Robots (2) Session Chair: Manuel Armada Venue: Venus 3, Level 3		
15:00 – 15:20	15:00 – 15:20		
A MODULAR APPROACH FOR CONTROLLING MOBILE ROBOTS	KINEMATICS, SENSORS AND CONTROL OF THE FULLY AUTOMATED FACADE CLEANING ROBOT SIRIUSC FOR THE FRAUNHOFER HEADQUARTERS BUILDUNG, MUNICH		
(Kristian Regenstein, Thilo Kerscher, Clemens Birkenhofer, Tamim Asfour, J. Marius Zöllner and Rüdiger Dillmann)	(Norbert Elkmann, Mario Lucke, Tino Krüger and Thomas Stürze)		
15:20 – 15:40	15:20 – 15:40		
AN APPROACH TO GLOBAL LOCALIZATION PROBLEM USING MEAN SHIFT ALGORITHM	GAIT PARAMETER ADAPTATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PERTURBATIONS IN QUADRUPEDAL ROBOTS		
(Giovanni Muscato and Salvatore Sessa)	(Elena Garcia, Joaquin Estremera, Pablo Gonzalez de Santos and Manuel Armada)		
15:40 – 16:00	15:40 – 16:00		
CREATING A GESTURE RECOGNITION SYSTEM BASED ON SHIRT SHAPES	ON FOUR LEGS TOWARDS FLEXIBLE AND FAST LOCOMOTION		
(Pavel Staroverov, Silvia Marcos, Dmtry Kaynov, Mario Arbulu, Luis Cabas and Carlos Balaguer)	Dieter Schramm)		
16:00 – 16:20	16:00 – 16:20		
DESIGNING OF A COMMAND SHAPER USING MULTI-OBJECTIVE PARTICLE SWARM ALGORITHM FOR VIBRATION CONTROL OF A SINGLE-LINK FLEXIBLE MANIPULATOR SYSTEM	PATH PLANNING FOR THE "3DCLIMBER"		
(M. S. Alam, M. O. Tokhi and M. A. Hossain)	(Mahmoud Tavakoli, Lino Marques and Aníbal T. de Almeida)		
16:20 – 16:40	16:20 – 16:40		
PERFORMANCE METRICES FOR IMPROVING HRI	TERRAIN-ADAPTIVE LOCOMOTION OF A WHEEL- LEGGED SERVICE ROBOT USING ACTUATOR-BASED FORCE MEASUREMENTS		
(Yiannis Gatsoulis and Gurvinder Singh Virk)	(Petri Virekoski and Ilkka Leppänen)		
16:40 – 17:00	16:40 – 17:00		
SPARBOT – A ROBOTIC FOCUS MITT TRAINING PLATFORM	DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMPHIBIOUS HEXAPOD ROBOT BASED ON A WATER STRIDER		
(Richard Stokes, Liqiong Tang and Ibrahim A. Al-Bahadly)	(Soh Fujii and Taro Nakamura)		

17:00 – 17:20	17:00 – 17:20
PARALLEL PARTICLE SWARM OPTIMIZATION FOR NETWORKED CLAWAR SYSTEM COOPERATION	A WHEELED WALL-CLIMBING ROBOT WITH TWO CLIMBING LEGS
(Fabio P. Bonsignorio)	(Zhihai Li, Yili Fu, Hejin Yang and Shuguo Wang)
17:20 – 17:40	17:20 – 17:40
GA TUNED COLSED-LOOP CONTROL OF SPRING BRAKE ORTHOSIS	A CPG WITH FORCE FEEDBACK FOR A STATICALLY STABLE QUADRUPED GAIT
(M S Huq, R Massoud, M S Alam and M O Tokhi)	(Jose Cappelletto, Pablo Estevez, Gerardo Fernandez-Lopez and Juan Carlos Grieco)
End o	of Day 1

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Program on 17 July 2007 Tuesday

Tuesday, 17 July 2007, Morning

8:30 – 8:45	Briefing Session, Venus 1, Level 3		
8:45 – 9:30	Plenary Talk 2:		
	Robots Walking Down Under by P	rofessor John Billingsley	
	Session Chair: Gurvinder Virk		
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9:30 – 10:00	Tea Break, Foyer of Venus, Level 3	40.00 40.40	
10:00 – 12:40	alking Robots (2)	10:00 – 12:40 T12 Session: Supporting Technologies (2)	
	John Billingsley	Session Chair: Gurvinder Virk	
Venue: Venus 1		Venue: Venus 3, Level 3	
10:00 - 10:20	, 2000.0	10:00 – 10:20	
	BILITY CONCEPT FOR A ROUGH	THE IMPROVEMENT OF STRUCTURAL AND REAL	
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BIPED LOCO	MOTION : A BIO INSPIRED	PERFORMANCE FOR LEGGED ROBOTICS	
PLATFORM FOR	R STIFFNESS CONTROL		
	to and Giacomo Spampinato)	(Graham McLatchey and John Billingsley)	
10:40 – 11:00		10:40 – 11:00	
LISING OPTIMI	ZATION TECHNIQUES FOR THE	INTEGRATED INTELLIGENT MECHROBOT	
	ONTROL OF FAST BIPEDS	SYSTEM	
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(Tobias Luksch,	Karsten Berns, Katja Mombaur and	(Liqiong Tang and Gurvinder Singh Virk)	
Gerrit Schultz)			
11:00 – 11:20		11:00 – 11:20	
DOSTLIDAL ST	ABILITY CONTROL FOR ROBOT-	MOTION ESTIMATION AND SELF-LOCALIZATION	
HUMAN COOF		BASED ON COMPUTER VISION AND ARTIFICIAL	
ASSISTANCE	EIGHON TON SIT-10-STAND	MARKER DEPOSITION	
(Viviane Pasqui,	, Ludovic Saintbauzel and Philippe	(Savan Chaniyara, Kaspar Althoefer and Lakmald	
Bidaud)		Seneviratne)	
11:20 – 11:40		11:20 – 11:40	
TDA IECTORY	OFNEDATOR FOR BUNGLING	COETIMADE AND COMMUNICATION	
TRAJECTORY	GENERATOR FOR RHYTHMIC ROL OF ROBOT USING NEURAL	SOFTWARE AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN OF THE HUMANOID	
OSCILLATORS	NOL OF ROBOT USING NEURAL	ROBOT RH-1	
OGGILLATORG			
(Weiwei Huang, Chee-Meng Chew, Geok-Soon		(Dmitry Kaynov, Mario Arbulu, Pavel Staroverov, Luis	
Hong and Nithya Gnanassegarane)		Cabas and Carlos Balaguer)	
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A BASIC VARIABLES SET BASED SCHEME OF ONLINE MOTION PLANNING FOR HUMANOID ROBOTS	HIL/SIL BY DEVELOPMENT OF CLAWAR	
(Wang Jian, Sheng Tao and Ma Hongxu)	(Sergiy Dzhantimirov, Frank Palis, Ulrich Schmucker, Andriy Telesh and Yuriy Zavgorodniy)	
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OPTIMIZED ROBOT DURING ELEVATION OF AN OBJECT: COMPARISON KNEE BENDING IMPRESSION	DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF MICRO- GRIPPING DEVICES FOR MANIPULATION OF MICRO-PARTS	
(Hamed Ajabi Naeini and Mostafa Rostami)	(Z.W. Zhong, S.K. Nah and S.H. Tan)	
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Session Chair: Philippe Bidaud	Session Chair: Heinz Woern	
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STABILITY AND GAIT OPTIMIZATION OF A HYBRID LEGGED-WHEELED ROVER	IN SEARCH OF PRINCIPLES OF ODOUR SOURCE LOCALISATION	
(Byron Johns and Ayanna Howard)	(Endre Kadar, Gurvinder Virk and Christodoulos Lytridis)	
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DEVELOPMENT OF A SEALING SYSTEM FOR A CLIMBING ROBOT WITH UNDERPRESSURE ADHESION	MCA2 - AN EXTENSIBLE MODULAR FRAMEWORK FOR ROBOT CONTROL APPLICATIONS	
(Carsten Hillenbrand, Daniel Schmidt, Karsten Berns, Tim Leichner, Tobias Gastauer and Bernd Sauer)	(Klaus Uhl and Marco Ziegenmeyer)	
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AUTONOMOUS CLIMBING MOTIONS FOR CONNECTED CRAWLER ROBOTS	REAL-TIME COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY OF THE ALGORITHMS FOR A SINGLE LINK MANIPULATOR SYSTEM	
(Sho Yokota, Yasuhiro Ohyama, Hiroshi Hashimoto, Jin-Hua She, Kuniaki Kawabata, Hisato Koabayashi and Pierre Blazevic)	(M A Hossain, N H Siddique, M O Tokhi and M S Alam)	
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AN EVOLVED NEURAL NETWORK FOR FAST QUADRUPEDAL LOCOMOTION	A NOVEL MINIATURE ATTITUDE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR CLIMBING AND WALKING ROBOTS	
(Irene Markelic and Keyan Zahedi)	(Guanglong Wang, Chunxi Zhang, Zhaoying Zhou and Rong Zhu)	
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DEVELOPMENT OF AN OMNI- DIRECTIONAL MOBILE ROBOT BASED ON SNAIL LOCOMOTION	NEW STANDARDS FOR NEW ROBOTS	
(Kuniaki Satou and Taro Nakamura)	(Gurvinder Singh Virk)	
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ROBOT FOR MOTION IN TUBE	CONTACT PROCESSING IN THE SIMULATION OF CLAWAR	
(Jatsun Sergey, Mishenko Vladimir and Jatsun Andrey)	(Ulrich Schmucker, Vadym Rusin, Mykhaylo Konyev and Tamas Juhasz)	

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(Juan Pablo Martínez Esponda)		(Sergio Varona Moya, Javier Molina Vilaplana, Alejandro Linares Barranco, Jorge Juan Feliu Battle and Juan Lopez Coronado)	
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(Muthu veerappan Vignesh)		(CHIEN-CHOU LIN, JEN-HUI CHUANG and TING-WEI CHAN)	
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(Qing Tang, Ror	ng Xiong, Jian Chu and Xinfeng Du)	(Siddharth Sanan, Sartaj Singh and Krishna K Madhava)	
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FORMULATION OF DESIRED ZERO MOMENT POINT TRJECTORY USING STATISTICAL METHOD		ASYNCHRONOUS LOCAL POSITIONING SYSTEM BASED ON ULTRASONIC ACTIVE BEACONS AND FEED FORWARD NEURAL NETWORKS	
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(Weerayut Sawasdee, Pasan Kulvanit and Thavida Maneewarn)		(Fabio P. Bonsignorio)	
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(Pasan Kulvanit, Bantoon Srisuwan and Djitt Laowattana)		(Daisuke Chugo, Wataru Matsuoka and Kunikatsu Takase)	
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Website: http://www.lta.gov.sg

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Credit cards are widely accepted in Singapore, hotels, retailers, restaurants, travel agents and even some taxis readily accept international credit cards.

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Singapore's voltage is 220 – 240 AC, 50 Hertz. The plugs for the outlet are three pronged (UK type).

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Website: http://www.ica.gov.sg

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Website: http://www.singpost.com.sg

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Sightseeing Destinations

Asian Civilization Museum

39 Armenian Street

Ancestral heritage of the Eastern Civilizations with important Chinese ceramics, imperial porcelain and aspects of Chinese architecture is on display in this museum.

Open: Mondays 12 noon to 6pm, Tuesdays to Sundays: 9am to 6pm Fridays till 9pm.

Chinatown Heritage Centre

46, 48, 50 Pagoda Street

This centre showcases the rich heritage of Chinatown. Beautifully restored, highlights include the living cubicles and tailor shop which recreate the bygone era.

Open: Mondays to Sundays 10am to 7pm

Jurong Bird Park

Jalan Ahmad Irahim

Website: http://www.birdpark.com.sq

There are more than 8,000 Birds and a waterfall aviary in this attraction. Enjoy a scenic panorall ride in this breathtaking park and watch the Birds of Prey Show.

Open 9am to 6pm daily

Singapore Zoological Gardens & Night Safari

Mandai Lake Road

Website: http://www.zoo.com.sg; http://www.nightsafari.com.sg

The Singapore Zoological Gardens, an open-concept zoo which is home to more than 2,000 creatures, has attracted international acclaim because of its clever use of rock walls and streams as natural barriers. Open 8.30 to 6pm daily

Next to the Zoo is the Night Safari, another world-class attraction, where you can look a single-horned rhinoceros in the eye, prowl through the dark with a pack of striped hyenas and look out for leopards. Strike out on your own along the walking trail or relax in a tram ride - whichever you choose, Night Safari is a wild adventure not to be missed.

Open 7.30pm to midnight daily

Sentosa Island

Website: http://www.sentosa.com.sq

An island resort, playground for everyone with an assortment of activities – from panoramic rides to nature trails and lots of rich history.

Singpapore Botanic Gardens

Cluny Road

The Gardens epitomises the tropical island's luxuriant parks. Spread over 52 hectares and close to the centre of the city, the Gardens is a combination of untouched primary forest and specialty gardens displaying frangipanis, roses, ferns and desert plants, to name a few. There are numerous plant species here, including many rare specimens, reflect the Gardens' richness and diversity of plant life.

The present orchid enclosure has 20,000 orchid plants on display. The National Orchid Garden promises sprawling orchid displays, water features, and an exotic bromeliad collection from Central and South America. Other attractions for visitors' enjoyment include Palm Valley, Eco-Lake and outdoor concerts on Symphony Lake.

Open 5am to 12 midnight daily

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