# COMMUNITY INFOLETTER

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**ROBOTICS WORLD** 

5 areas in robotics that will

transform society and their

Robots: Zero Tillage Robotics

Philippine typhoon devastation, aid in reconstruction

Recent robotics notices and

Cobots: People and robots

**Top News** 

economic impact

working together
Aerial drone maps show

# NCCR NEWS

#### **Robolution's Visit**

Robolution Capital is a private equity fund dedicated to service robotics. As part of the Tech Transfer activity, last month they visited some NCCR Robotics labs, Spin Funds and Swiss Robotics start-ups at EPFL and ETH.

## Prof. Sangbae Kim

Prof. Sangbae Kim will give a talk at EPFL on 6th June. He will also be participating in the Dynamic Walking Conference at ETH.

## ICRA 2014 workshops

Reminder: Several NCCR Robotics members are organizing workshops at ICRA this year: D. Novak & R. Riener, J. Buchli, D. Scaramuzza and F. Iida. Tutorials and Workshops.

#### euRobotics

NCCR Robotics and  $\underline{\mbox{LIS}}$  are now members at euRobotics.



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#### World events

Maker Faire - Bay Area

Mini Maker Faire

m2m

awards

Solid

Maker Faire - Taipei

Robo business Europe

ICRA

ISR / Robotik

Automatica

RSS

WSCNIS

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### RPG award candidate

RPG is among the candidates for the KUKA Innovation in Mobile Manipulation Award. The winner will be determined at a competition at Automatica in June.



#### Noonee & Gimball

Noonee and Gimball have been selected as part of the 20 start-ups who will participate in the venture leaders programme in June. Keith Gunura, founder of Noonee was selected as the team's captain. Read more



#### Gimball finalist

NCCR Robotics Spin Fund Gimball, won first position in the robotics track in the Hello Tomorrow Challenge and received a 15.000 Euro award.



Meet those who are building the future

#### External calls

Rework Startup Stage

DARS

RO-MAN

RoMa Workshop

# Cool links



by

Séverin Lemaignan (CHILI)

PR2's secret little brother (sister?)

No consciousness in sight for our robots?

Immerge into the robot perspective with drones and Occulus Rift

#### Useful links

Swissnex Annual Report
The Robot Report

#### **NCCR Robotics Director**

Prof. Dario Floreano

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#### **Upcoming NCCR Robotics EVENTS**

Les drones: jouets ou business prometteur?

15 May

**EPFL** 

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# Rolf Pfeifer's Farewell Lecture

23 May

Zurich

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#### **Automatica**

3-6 June

Munich

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## **Dynamic Walking**

10 - 13 June

Zurich

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Past NCCR Robotics EVENTS

# Robosoft

31 March - 01 April

Pisa

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# **ROBOTS: From** Imagination to Market

17 April

**Boston** 

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**IIII** NCCR PRESS COVERAGE

## Cybathlon

The renowned newspaper NZZ have released a video about Cybathlon on their homepage.



More press coverage available through NCCR Robotics website



#### **SELECTED NCCR PUBLICATIONS \***

D. Novak, A. Nagle, U. Keller and R. Riener, "Increasing motivation in robot-aided arm rehabilitation with competitive and cooperative gameplay," Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation, vol. 11, no. 64. 2014.

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\*Selected publications include publications which have been made known to the editor. All members are kindly encouraged to inform the management team of new pulbications.



#### **Swiss Robotics**

Swiss Robotics is an expanding and successful NCCR Robotics initiative that provides Swiss start ups with a unique opportunity to co-exhibit with NCCR Robotics at selected conferences and trade fairs. Discover some of these start ups:



# Cyberbotics

Since 1998, Cyberbotics has been a leading company in robot simulation with the Webots reference CYBERBOTICS software used by over 1127 universities and research professional mobile robot simulation centres worldwide. Cyberbotics also develops custom simulation tools like Webots for NAO and participates in European research projects. Read more....





#### WHO IS WHO?

#### Klas Kronander

Klas is 28 years old, with an MSc in Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering from Linkoping University, Sweden. He is currently a PhD student in the LASA lab in EPFL, under the supervision of Aude Billard. Read more





#### NEW VIDEOS

#### Cybathlon - New Version



#### Rolf Pfeifer at TedXZurich



Dario Floreano "Robots" courtesy of Robohub





## NEW MEMBERS

# **Amir Firouzeh**

Amir is developing actuation and sensing technologies that can be used in soft robotics in general and in Robogami structures in particular at RRL (EPFL). His research focuses on improving the performance of these robots to enable their usage in human-robot interaction scenarios and mainly in rehabilitative robots.









