

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SWISS ROBOTICS INDUSTRY DAY (4th Nov 2015)

This one-day annual conference is exclusively designed for industry to showcase the activities of the Swiss Robotics ecosystem, including NCCR Robotics and selected Swiss start-ups active in the field of robotics, through a series of robot and technology demonstrations, posters and discussion groups. Alongside this programme, the invited guests were



offered the chance to share views on current and foreseeable needs and challenges facing the industry through talks by research and invited industry leaders (NISSAN, MOOG) and well-established Swiss Robotics companies at the cutting edge of haptic design (Force Dimension) and situational aware systems - mapping drones (senseFly).

The delegates were composed of representatives from over 30 companies including Toyota, Nestlé and Ossur attending from across Europe and the USA. The event provided them with a unique opportunity to shape future research and provide guidance as well as offering privileged access to new and emerging technologies, while start-ups and researchers were given the opportunity to create new business links and forge new contacts.

SWISS ROBOTICS INDUSTRY DAY PRESS COVERAGE







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ROBOTICS WORLD

Top News

1,000 workers produce latest batch of 1,000 Pepper robots

Robots in Depth: Andra Keay on opportunities and challenges for startups

Feeding the robot chef

Bioinspired robotics #2: Materials, manufacturing & design, with Robert Wood

Emotionally literate tech to help treat autism

World events

ROBOT'2015 (19-21 Nov)

Robotics Expo (20-22 Nov)

RoCKIn2015 (21-23 Nov)

European Robotics Week 2015 (ERW2015)

(23-29 Nov)

Robot Performance Festival

(26-28 Nov)

dronetech (26 Nov)

Smart Automobile Forum (27 Nov)

Maker Fair Hong Kong

(28-29 Nov)

Robotics Alley (1-2 Dec)

IREX (2-5 Dec)

U.S. Drone Film Festival (5 Dec)

RoboUniverse Shangai

(8-10 Dec)

Manufacturing Summit: Robotics, Automation, Development

(10-11 Dec)

RoboUniverse

(14-16 Dec)

External calls

International Bionic Award

UNISDR Science and Technology Conference on the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 - Call for Abstracts - Poster Session

ABB - grants of \$300,000 for projects in robotics

ROBO EXPOS - Call for Speakers

GR-EX - Drone

Competition & Startup Contest



















External positions

Staff Engineer - Wearable Robotics (Position at Wyss)

Faculty Positions in Robotics (Georgia Institute of Technology)

PhD Positions (University of Cambridge)

PostDoc Openings (Humanoid & **Human Centred Mechatronics** Lab, Italian Institute of Technology)

Experienced Researcher in Cyber-Physical Systems (Ericsson Research)

Interesting links

A new approach to risk management: safe integration of RPAS into civil airspce & civil operations

Raffaello D'Andrea on the Future of Robotics

NCCR Robotics Director

Prof. Dario Floreano

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CONGRATULATIONS

Gimball

Gimball won the 2015 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Award.

SensArs Neuroprosthetics

SensArs Neuroprosthetics won third place at IROS 2015 entrepreneurship Forum & Start-up competition.



NEUROPROSTHETICS

Tomislav Milekovic

Tomislav was awarded a one year extension for his postdoctoral research fellowship on the project "Brain-Spinal Interface: Neuroprosthetic platform for alleviating gait disorders for people with paralysis" mentored by Grégoire Courtine.



WE WILL BE AT:

Swiss Handicap

27 - 28 Nov

Luzern

Read more





GUESS WHO?

Can you guess who this NCCR professor is?

As a child, this professor had an enormous interest in technology. He would draw futuristic machines that, in his fantasy, would improve people's lives. He would take everything apart that he could get his hands on, rarely getting it back together. Read more



Jenifer Miehlbradt (TNE - EPFL)

Jenifer is a PhD student at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL). Her research focuses on the processing of biological signals for intuitive interactions with robotic devices.



Alexandre Cherpillod is a PhD student at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) studying human robot interaction.



Carine is a PhD student at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) and is working on an exoskeleton suit. She received her Bachelor degree in Microengineering from the EPFL and her Master degree in Biomedical Engineering from ETH Zurich.

Wafa Johal (CHILI - EPFL)

Wafa is a postdoctoral scientist at EPFL working on the NCCR Robotics Cellulo project. She has a PhD in Computer Sciences specialising in human-robot interaction, particularly on non-verbal cues for communication and cognitive reasoning.

Jaime Duarte (SMS - ETH Zurich)

Jaime is a postdoctoral fellow at SMS (ETH Zurich) where he studies the use of robotic devices for motor learning, motor control and rehabilitation. His research focuses on the effects that challenge and reward have on motivation, motor performance and motor learning.













DEPARTING MEMBERS

Séverin Lemaignan (CHILI - EPFL)

After two years spent at fixing NAOs and other little beasts within EPFL's CHILI Lab, Séverin is leaving to head to Tony Belpaeme's group at Plymouth University: British-speaking robots to fix! Lovely!





SELECTED NCCR PUBLICATIONS *

V. Bartenbach, D. Wyss, D. Seuret, R. Riener, "A lower limb exoskeleton research platform to investigate human-robot interaction" Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR), IEEE International Conference on, August, 2015, pp. 600-605.

V. Bartenbach, K. Schmidt, M. Naef, D. Wyss, R. Riener "Concept of a soft exosuit for the support of leg function in rehabilitation" in Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR) IEEE International Conference on, August, 2015, pp. 125-130.

J. Shintake, S. Rosset, B. Schubert, E. Bryan, D. Floreano, H. Shea, "Versatile soft grippers with intrinsic electroadhesion based on multifunctional polymer actuators", Advanced Materials, 2015. doi:10.1002/adma.201504264.

*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.

The Swiss National Center of Competence in Robotics (NCCR Robotics) is a federally funded programme bringing together robotics laboratories from EPFL, ETH Zurich, University of Zurich and University of Lugano to work on wearable, rescue and educational robots.









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