



NEWSLETTER # 1

RoboCup 2014

Dear RoboCuppers... the local organization of RoboCup 2014 is pleased to send you this first newsletter with important information to help you plan your participation in RoboCup 2014.

RoboCup 2014 will be held in João Pessoa, Brazil, from July 19th to 25th. João Pessoa, located on the beautiful northeast Brazilian coast, is the easternmost point of continental Americas and the capital of Paraíba state. The city is a pleasant touristic place with a population of approximately 720,000 inhabitants. João Pessoa is famous for its natural beauty, clean swimming water beaches and lively seafont, also known as the second greenest capital city in the world.

The venue chosen to host our event is the Convention Center "Poeta Ronaldo Cunha Lima", a building area of approximately 40,000m². Major and Junior competitions, as well as the Symposium, will be held in the Convention Center Complex.

As most hotels are located on the main seaside area of João Pessoa (Cabo Branco, Tambaú and Manaíra beaches), free shuttle will be available for RoboCuppers from/to the hotels to/from the competition site. The local agencies working for RoboCup 2014 can help you booking hotel rooms, flights, as well as transfers from the nearest airports (João Pessoa, Recife and Natal).

Further information can be found on RoboCup 2014 website www.robocup2014.org.

You can also follow us on twitter (@RoboCup2014) and facebook (www.facebook.com/RoboCup2014).



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Important Dates

In the tables below you can find the important dates of the senior competitions, the junior competitions and the symposium. Up to date information can be found in our timeline page.

a. SENIOR LEAGUES	
Deadline for completion of qualification in each RoboCup league:	15 March 2014
Early registration deadline:	1 March – 15 May 2014
Regular registration:	15 May – 24 June 2014 (No team registration accepted after 24 June)
Late registration:	25 June – 18 July 2014
Team setup:	19-20 July 2014
Competitions:	21-24 July 2014

b. JUNIOR LEAGUES	
Submission of placeholder applications by regional representatives:	15 February – 15 March 2014
Release of team allocations (quota for each country/region):	23 March 2014
Pre-registration by regional representatives:	24 March – 31 May 2014
Registrations:	25 March – 24 June 2014 (No team registration accepted after 24 June)
Late registrations:	25 June – 18 July 2014
Setup:	20 July 2014
Competitions:	21-24 July 2014
Junior workshop at symposium:	25 July 2014

c. SYMPOSIUM	
Submission of full papers:	11 April 2014
Notification to authors:	23 May 2014
Submission of camera-ready copies:	6 June 2014
Symposium:	25 July 2014

Registration

The registration information and link to the registration system are in the website under the Participants->Registration page: http://www.robocup2014.org/?page_id=125.

Please, read it carefully and do not hesitate on contacting us if you have any doubts (registration@robocup2014.org).

Papers for the symposium have to be electronically submitted through the symposium website: <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=robocupsymposium2014>.

registration@robocup2014.org

Visa

You can apply for a short stay visa at the Brazilian embassy or consulate in your country before the competitions start. Please, make sure you have a look at the embassy/consulate site in advance to check how long the visa process takes once it depends on each country.

For some countries, you are required to have a visa issued 90 days prior to your first arrival in Brazil. In these cases, the sooner you start the better! For teams that need VISA, a letter of invitation can be provided after team registration and payment have been completed. The details regarding the VISA procedure can be found in our website together with the procedure to apply for a letter of invitation (http://www.robocup2014.org/?page_id=539).

visa@robocup2014.org

Air Transportation and Transfer from Airports

João Pessoa is accessible by air and road. Although João Pessoa airport has flights from most Brazilian cities, most international routes in the northeast arrive in Recife and Natal airports, located 125km and 200km from João Pessoa, respectively. The official travel agency, Luck Viagens, can help you booking your flight. For transfer from one of these airports, a variety of special arrangements for participants at reduced rates has been made. It is highly recommended to make use of these, which can be booked through RoboCup 2014 receptive agency in the [website](http://www.robocup2014.org).

travelling@robocup2014.org

Accommodation

João Pessoa is considered a safe place to visit, especially along the coast and in tourist places. The coast area that encompasses the Tambaú and Cabo Branco beaches are places where you can walk during the day and the evening comfortably. In those areas, there is a special tourist police force that can help you in English language and that is prepared to receive tourists and to guarantee the safety of city's visitors.

The overall suggestion is to stay in this area and avoid to walk away from the coast. The RECOMMENDED hotels for the event will be along the Tambaú and Cabo Branco Beaches. All activities of the event will happen in these areas, from which there will be free shuttles to the RoboCup venue.

You can book your hotel directly through our website with special prices for RoboCuppers. Low-budget rooms will be available for the Junior league. WE STRONGLY DISCOURAGE you from booking hotels out of this area. Please, use the list of hotels on the [website](http://www.robocup2014.org) to assure that your visit in Brazil will be very comfortable and pleasant.

accommodation@robocup2014.org

Shuttle

There will convenient, free and safe shuttle available for RoboCuppers from/to the hotels to/from the competition site. The shuttle lines and schedule will be available in the website. All hotels indicated in our accommodation list are in the area covered by the lines. Stop points will be clearly marked in the hotel list. The use of shuttles is highly recommended to all participants.

Cargo

If you need to transport your robots/equipments as cargo, you will need a specialized company to transport it and proceed with temporary importation in Brazil. Although you are free to choose any company around the world for cargo transportation, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND IT. When you temporary import something to Brazil, you should pay taxes. However, as an event, we can have temporary admission through our universities/societies without paying these taxes. In this sense, we recommend to contact Lauro Victor de Barros Despachos Aduaneiros Ltda which is the RoboCup 2014 official cargo transportation agency. The company is aware of all the processes involved in the temporary admission for the event and it is our proxy for it. They are a third party company specially prepared to deal with the particular conditions of RoboCup and they will provide a point-to-point transportation from almost all countries. Moreover, they can assure the delivery of your cargo directly to the venue on schedule if you follow the procedures and dates. If teams bring cargo through other companies, they would have to follow the traditional path, what could lead to delays. Please, refer to the [website](http://www.robocup2014.org) for more information

CARGO IMPORTANT DATES	
Collect date in your institution (last date)	July, 1st, 2014
Delivery date at venue	July, 17th, 2014

cargo@robocup2014.org

Volunteering

RoboCup is a major event that is, in every sense, completely organized by volunteers from all around the world. If you want to help us making a great event, you can apply to be a volunteer! If you have particular skills in the engineering field they will be welcome. However, people with other background can also apply. If you would like to apply, fill out the form and wait for our contact. People with different profiles will be selected and the areas that you can apply to are described in the application form. Certificates and meals will be provided by the organization.

[Volunteering Application Form](http://www.robocup2014.org)

SOCIAL NETWORKS



Contact

For questions regarding RoboCup 2014, please contact one of the mail addresses below.

- General: info@robocup2014.org
- Chairs: chairs@robocup2014.org

Competitions: please, refer to your league direct email on

http://www.robocup2014.org/?page_id=240

The RoboCup 2014 team will send you regular newsletters to keep you informed about the organization and details that are important for the various leagues and teams.

Looking forward to seeing you in Brazil!

On behalf of the RoboCup 2014 organization.

Best regards,

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(General Chairs RoboCup 2014)

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