RoboCup 2015

(Hefei, China, July 17 – 23, 2015)

Newsletter 2

RoboCup 2015 is approaching. For participants who have got everything ready, congratulations! *For participants who have not got their visa, please read Section 1 and Section 2 carefully. Otherwise, you may not be able to get your visa in time.*

We have also two announcements of a newly established sub-event and a newly introduced award. These bring innovative features to RoboCup 2015. Everyone is welcome to join these exciting activities.

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1. Visa and Registration

Visa is needed for participants from many countries, including Austria, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Cyprus, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Israel, India, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Panama, Pakistan, Slovakia, Sweden, Slovenia, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Tonga, United States, United Kingdom, etc. Please find more information at

http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/11.html.

There are different categories of visa for different visitors. We strongly suggest *consulting the Chinese embassy or consulate in your area for the exact and detailed specification of visa requirements for you*, since the requirements may be different for different countries/regions or individuals.

One will be able to apply for visa only after registration. Please note that *no team registration accepted after June 22, 2015 and there will not be on-site registration.* Instructions for registration can be found at

2. Invitation Letter

An invitation letter is required for your visa application. One will be able to get invitation letter *only after one's registration is COMPLETE*. Please complete your registration as soon as possible.

In order to get an invitation letter, one should fill in a form. Instructions for invitation letter can be found at

If you fill in the Visa Application Form with correct information in correct format, you will get the invitation letter quickly. However, if there was any problem in your form, you would have serious troubles. For instance, some participants spent two weeks or even more time to fill in the Visa Application Forms correctly. So we have to draw attention from participants who have not got their visa or complete their registration to the following:

- A participant may not be able to get visa in time if he/she fills in the Visa Application Form carelessly.
- A participant may not be able to attend the event if he/she will not complete registration as soon as possible.

3. Announcement 1: Demo Challenge and Workshop on Benchmarking Service Robots

As a sub-event of RoboCup 2015, "Demo Challenge and Workshop on Benchmarking Service Robots" will take place at the same venue during July 18 to 22. Please download the CFP at

This is a competition+workshop event. But only participation in the competition or only participation in the workshop are also welcome.

Participation is free, but applications must be submitted by June 15 for the competition and by June 20 for the workshop, respectively. The Application Form of

the competition is available at

http://www.robocup2015.org/upload/Benchmarking/Application%20Form.doc

And the Application Form of the workshop is available at

http://www.robocup2015.org/upload/Benchmarking/Workshop Application Form.doc

4. Announcement 2: RoboCup Design Award

Since RoboCup 2015, we also introduce a new award sponsored by Flower Robotics, named "RoboCup Design Award". All participants team has a chance to be the candidate of this award. Each participating team who want to be a candidate of the award should submit a description paper. We are looking forward to your submissions. Please find more information at

http://www.robocup2015.org/index.html,

http://www.robocup.org/2015/06/robocup-design-award/.

The application document should be submitted by July 3rd, 2015 (24:00, Hawai TZ) to the following URL

https://cmt.research.microsoft.com/RCD2015/.

5. Contact Information

If you have any questions for your participation in RoboCup 2015, please feel free to contact responsible person(s) on the list in Table 1.

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