RoboCup 2015

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We announce the first RoboCup industrial forum, RoboCup 2015 Ecosystem Summit, which will be held on July 21. Any participant has a chance of attending the forum by registering as "Attendee" for free. We also announce the sponsorship of Intel (China) for RoboCup 2015. Besides the announcements, the newsletter contains a notice to all participants about the consent forms. All participants are required to sign and submit the forms as usual.

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1. Announcement 1: RoboCup 2015 Ecosystem Summit

We are delighted to announce that RoboCup 2015 Ecosystem Summit, the first industrial forum as a satellite event of RoboCup World Competition and Symposium will be held on July 21. The venue will be the multi-function hall on the second floor of the main venue, Anhui International Conference & Exhibition Center (Fanhua Avenue, Hefei). The organizer of the summit is the LOC of RoboCup 2015. The undertaker is Intel (China).

The summit is a forum about Robotics research and development among academic communities, industries, and governments. Excellent talks by top scientists, enterprisers and government officials will be given at the forum. All the talks will be simultaneously interpreted from English/Chinese into Chinese/English.

Any participant of RoboCup 2015 has a chance of attending the forum by registering as "Attendee" for free. With your registration information, the organizer will contact you for detailed arrangements of your attendance. Please register as soon as possible and/or find more information at

http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/73.html.

2. Announcement 2: Intel (China) becomes a sponsor of RoboCup 2015

We also announce gladly that Intel (China) now becomes a sponsor of RoboCup 2015. The Intel's sponsorship includes two concrete contributions to the event. First, Intel (China) will undertake the first industrial forum in the RoboCup initiative---RoboCup 2015 Ecosystem Summit (see Announcement 1). Second, Intel (China) also becomes the unique sponsor of the Demo Challenge and Workshop on Benchmarking Service Robots and provides concrete support for this sub-event.

Besides the excellent keynote speeches by Manuela Veloso, Daniele Nardi and David Hsu at the workshop, Mr. Gansha Wu, Director of Intel Labs China, will also give an invited talk. More information of the workshop can be found at

http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/50.html.

The workshop will be held on July 20 and open for free to all participants of RoboCup 2015. The venue of the workshop is Meeting Room #1 on the third floor of the main venue.

3. Consent Forms

All participants are required to sign and submit the TWO consent forms as usual. Please download the forms at

http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/72.html,

sign them, and bring them to the reception desk at the main venue for major or the RCJ venue for junior. Please note that any participant can only get his/her badge and other materials after submitting his/her signed consent forms.

4. Invitation Letter

Most of participant of RoboCup 2015 needs visa to attend the event. Please find more information about visa at

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

In order to get visa, an invitation letter is generally required. Now we have a large

group working on the related issues of visa and/or invitation letter. We are trying to solve various problems in visa applications.

Frequently, a part of participants failed to submit correct or complete information that is expected to be filled in the visa application form. This cause troubles in visa application. If you are still in the process of submitting visa application form, please provide correct and complete information as soon as possible.

Look forward to meeting all of you in Hefei soon!

Best wishes,

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General Chair of RoboCup 2015