

RoboCup 2012 SSL North American Open Official Invitation

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Competition: June 9th – 10th, Camp: June 11th – 16th*

Overview

The purpose of this event is to foster academic research and collaboration in robotics amongst members of the RoboCup Small Sized League (SSL) as well as promote interest in robotics research and development at UBC and in Canada. These goals will be reached through the mediums of a SSL local competition, followed by a week-long camp prior to the World competitions. The local competition will work very similarly to how the world competition works, adhering to the SSL rules and tourney styles. In addition to the two-day competition, there will be a 'camp' the week afterwards where teams will have the chance to network, attend seminars, listen to keynote speakers, and collaborate further on the final testing and development of their robots, all in the city of Vancouver. At end of the week the teams will fly down to Mexico City together.

Schedule

June 8 th	Fly in date and setup
June 9 th	First Rounds of Competition
June 10 th	Finals of Competition
June 11 th – 16 th	Camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote speakers• Discussion panels (topics including those relevant for software, hardware and administration team members)• Testing and development time with other teams<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Two fields, a machine shop and local parts stores will be available• Technical challenges competition• Networking Events (dinners, events with other robotics researches in Vancouver, etc)• Tours of UBC and Vancouver http://www.tourismvancouver.com/• Visiting the 6th International Robotic Sailing Championship
June 16 th	Fly out to Mexico City

Flights

One of the main bonuses for hosting the North American Open this year is due to the small price difference many teams have flying from their country of origin to Mexico, compared to flying from their country, to Vancouver to Mexico. Below is a table outlining some prices:

Through Vancouver	Price (Without Group Discounts*)	Direct Flight	Price
Hangzhou → Vancouver → Mexico City	\$713 + \$288 = \$1001	Hangzhou → Mexico City	\$932
Bangkok → Vancouver → Mexico City	\$611 + \$288 = \$899	Bangkok → Mexico City	\$1075
Frankfurt → Vancouver → Mexico City	\$600 + 288 = \$888	Frankfurt → Mexico City	\$2235

*These prices from Vancouver to Mexico may even go further down as we are negotiating mass group rates.

**All of these prices were found using www.skyscanner.com for a fly in date of June 8th and a fly out date of June 17th. If your city is not listed here, feel free to go compare yourselves!

Housing and Transportation

We are able to accommodate a variety of budgets and housing styles.

- *Free:* If your team is on a tight budget, we are exploring the possibility of 'camping' on campus, or couch surfing through our team's networks
- *Cheap:* There is on campus conference housing for as low as \$33 a night.
- *Hotels + Motels:* Plenty of Cozy to Luxurious motels and hotels are available in Vancouver

UBC is a hub for affordable public transportation. No car rentals will be needed.

Next Steps

As we have a limited budget and space for teams, we wish for all teams to come to confirm as soon as possible so we can finalize our finances and competition schedule. As we do not have a registration fee, our way of registration is **proof of purchase of your plane tickets to Vancouver**. Once you have forwarded us the ticket, we will send you a confirmation of registration. If you are considering coming, please let us know what your timeline is for your decision.

Once you are registered, we will figure out team by team housing accommodations, and will send you frequent updates on our scheduling of the competition.

Our apologies that our website is not off the ground yet, but it will be up soon.