RoboCup 2016 -- Newsletter #4

Welcome

Dear RoboCup Community, dear RoboCuppers!
Please read the following important information of our fourth newsletter:

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1   On-site Check-In

On-site check-in will be open from 8:00 to 23:00 on June 28 (**only** for Major league team members) and June 29 (both for Major and Junior team members) (see 3rd Newsletter). Please be aware that due to safety constraints it is **not possible** for regular RoboCup participants to access the venue **before** June 28.

2   Consent Forms at On-site Check-In

All participants (including officials and volunteers) are kindly requested to print, fill out and sign the consent form before onsite check-in! To enable a smooth and efficient check-in procedure, all members of a team shall be checked-in by the team leader or mentor. Badges and material for all team members will be handed out upon handover of the consent forms. If a team leader or mentor does not have the signed consent forms of all team members, this will significantly increase waiting time for that team (approximately 2 hours), because hard copies need to get printed out and the team has to get back in line.
For those participants that are registered in more than one team (e.g. team leader of two or more teams), please copy your filled out and signed consent forms so that in every of your teams your consent form is provided.

For teams with team members arriving at a later time please remember on getting also the consent forms of these members beforehand so that the team leader can bring them to check-in.

Thank you very much for your cooperation for a smooth check-in.

Reminder: Check-in is provided only by teams, not by single participants.

3 Participants Materials

After handing over all consent forms of all team members to our volunteers at the league specific check-in counter in the Congress Center Leipzig, your team leader/mentor will receive the following participants materials (each per member):

- Participant badge,
- RoboCup 2016 participants booklet,
- Participants bag with goodies of our sponsors, a catering guide for Leipzig and a city map inside.

Please be aware that it is not allowed to change or add information on the participant badge by yourself. This can lead to withdrawal of the badge and payment of producing a new one.

Every participant badge comes with one voucher for a free RoboCup T-shirt and one voucher per competition day for a free bottle of water (sponsored by KUKA).

Participants receiving more than one badge (e.g. mentors/team leaders of more than one team or trustees that are team members/leaders at the same time) are kindly asked to use only one T-shirt voucher and only one voucher per competition day for a free bottle of water, because our plannings are based on the number of participants and not on the number of badges. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Your RoboCup participants booklet will help you to get to know your way in and around the venue and Leipzig. It includes further important information relevant for all RoboCuppers. You can already download the PDF beforehand by the following link: http://rcl.leipziger-messe.de/media/Participants/robocup-2016-participants-booklet.pdf

4 Parking at the Venue

This is relevant for teams coming by car.

For Check-in During Setup Days June 28 to 29, 2016 (8:00 – 23:00)
The trade fair grounds can be reached by taking the Autobahn A14, Leipzig-Messegelände, Messe-Allee exit, or the B2 (Maximilian-Allee) – Messe-Allee. Please follow the signs for the access roads. The Congress Center Leipzig (CCL) is accessed through parking lot CCL, Seehausener Allee 1, 04356 Leipzig. For temporary free

parking on the parking Lot CCL please print out the parking permission below and show it to our Security staff at the parking lot.

Directly after your registration at CCL, please take your car and drive out of the parking lot CCL and drive to the Competition Halls 2 and 4 via exhibitor access road North 1, Handelsring. At the Park-Counter at Gate North 1, please exchange the parking voucher below to get a park ticket and put this ticket good visible in your car. By showing this ticket and your badges, you will get free entrance and a parking space inside the fairground next to the Competition Halls.

During the Competition Days June 30 to July 3, 2016 (7:00-23:00)

Please drive directly to the exhibitor access road Nord 1, Handelsring, show you park ticket and your badges for free entrance and a parking space inside the fair ground, next to the competition halls.

Parking Permission and Voucher

RoboCup Participants

Parking Permission

This Parking Permission allows free parking for 120 minutes during the Setup Days

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at the parking lot
Congress Center (Seehausener Allee)

Parking here is limited to the time for check-in and picking up the participant materials. Please show the Parking Permission to the local Security staff and put the permission visible in your car.

Parking Voucher

This parking voucher entitles you to get a free parking ticket in exchange after check-in at the Congress Center Leipzig

Please go to the
Park Counter at access Nord 1 , Handelsring

The parking ticket is valid for one car / one parking space inside the fairgrounds next to the Competition Halls during the term of the RoboCup (June 28 to July 4, 2016).

5 Waste Disposal

Teams are kindly asked to observe the procedures for waste disposal to minimize negative impact on the environment. Every team table gets one large garbage bag at the beginning of the setup days. In case more garbage bags will be needed during the event days, the league chair will be provided with one full roll of bags and they will refilled by the service providers. Please put the full garbage bags in the evening on the main floors for disposal overnight by service staff.

6 Security at the Venue

Between 7:00 / 8:00 to 23:00 the participants are responsible for their equipment and robots inside the team areas by themselves. In the period of visiting hours for public (9:00 to 18:00) the entrances to the team areas are secured by volunteers (they will control the badges of the entering people).
In the period from 23:00 to 7:00 / 8:00 the competition halls will be locked, without any access from outside. In both halls guards will be on patrol duty during the whole night. In addition, the entire exhibition site is fenced and also guarded.

7 WLAN at the Venue

Teams are kindly requested to observe the procedures for WLAN during setup and competition days to support smooth technical operation.
In the competition halls, WLAN without Internet access will be provided for robot communication by LOC.WLAN for use by participants (smartphones, laptops etc.) will not be allowed and will not be available in the competition halls. As WLAN is a critical infrastructure for the competitions, violations (e.g. by private access points) will be traced and will lead to sanctions for the team causing the disturbances.
For using internet in the competition halls, every major team will have a wired LAN access available at their team table in the competition halls. In addition, WLAN for general use by participants will be provided at the Outdoor Area and in the WLAN Lounge on Level 0 of the Congress Center next to the competition halls.

8 Social Events

You are cordially invited to attend the social events:
- Opening Ceremony on June 29, 2016, at 6:00 PM at CCL, Hall 1
- Junior Party on July 1, 2016, from 6:00 PM at the Outdoor Area
  (only for RoboCupJunior and RoboCamp participants)
- Junior Award Ceremony on July 3, 2016, at 14:30 at OnStage stage
- Major Award Ceremony on July 3, 2016, at 17:00 at CCL, Hall 1
- Major Banquet and Party on July 3, 2016, at 19:00 at the Glass Hall
  (only for RoboCup Major participants, organizers and invited guests)
- Farewell Party on July 4, 2016, at 18:00 at CCL, Alta Vista
  (only for RoboCup Symposium participants)

9 RoboCup Symposium

The 20th RoboCup International Symposium will be held on Monday, July 4, 8:50-18:00 at the CCL, next to the RoboCup Competition Halls at Leipzig Trade Fair. Access is free for all registered RoboCup Major participants and Symposium-only participants.
The Symposium is a primary venue for presentation and discussion of scientific contributions to a variety of research areas related to the RoboCup competitions. Its scope includes, but is not restricted to, research and educational activities in robotics and artificial intelligence.
A total of 38 contributed presentations will cover a wide range of topics. To encourage open-source release of hardware and software components, a special track on open-source development is an integral part of the Symposium.
The RoboCup Farewell party will start directly after the Symposium.
The Proceedings of the Symposium and Team Descriptions are available online
    http://www.ais.uni-bonn.de/robocup.de/2016
And can also be downloaded (350MB) here:
    http://www.ais.uni-bonn.de/robocup.de/RoboCup_Symposium_2016.zip

10 Flower Robotics Seminar

Development of Home Robots | Concept & Example

The seminar lectures key points to utilize robots at home by showing examples of application of Patin, the home companion robot platform provided and developed by Flower Robotics. The lecture will show results of several demonstration experiments, and explain the key points from the viewpoints of software (control, artificial intelligence, and space recognition) and hardware (design and mechanism).

Date & Hour: **July 1 and 2, 14:00 - 16:00**
Room: Seminar Room 6/7 (level +2, CCL)

11 Trips & Excursions
For all participants and companions we will offer some selected trips to sights in Leipzig and one-day tours to neighbor cities during setup, competition time and afterwards. The offers vary from sightseeing tours from the venue through Leipzig and back to day trips to Berlin. All tours and excursions can be booked online at http://www.robocup2016.org/en/participants/leisure-activities/ and a smaller selection on-site at the booking counter in the CCL.

12   Move-Out

In order to prepare for a smooth move-out after the competitions, teams are asked to kindly observe the schedule of the regular tear down of the competition infrastructure (audio, video and IT equipment) and the exhibition, which starts on Sunday, July 3rd, at 17:00. The RoboCup participants will be requested to pack their personal and team equipment in time and store the equipment in a central place in the different team areas. The competition halls will be preventively guarded from 17:00 until closing at 1:00 at night.

For moving material and equipment out on Monday, July 4th, between 7:00 and 22:00, please use Gate North 1 to access the fairgrounds.

13   Social Media

Please follow us on the RoboCup 2016 social media channels:
>   Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/robocupleipzig
>   YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdSBUQv9eogjZJ-0FRoRlzw

Closing

We wish you and your team a safe and smooth trip to RoboCup 2016. We are looking **very** much forward to seeing and welcoming you all in Leipzig very soon for an exciting and unique 20th RoboCup!

With best regards and best wishes,

On behalf of the RoboCup 2016 Local Organizing Committee:
>   Gerhard Kraetzschmar, General Chair
>   Oskar von Stryk, Associate Chair
>   Ansgar Bredenfeld, Associate Chair
>   Silvana Kürschner, Leipzig Trade Fair
>   Hanna Krajczy, Leipzig Trade Fair
>   Thomas Schmidt, Leipzig Trade Fair