

Robotics Society

Active Report

Meeting date	Comment
29/03/2012	<p>Bruce reported for robotics: Hi Patrick, sorry that I can't make it as we have some visitors staying with us. There is nothing to add for robotics at present, except that M2VIP conference will be in Auckland at the end of November and the following week the ACRA conference will be in Wellington, run by Will Browne and colleagues at Vic.</p> <p>Chandimal Jayawardena from Unitec is interested to come along and get involved in the robotics part. I have sent him the plan and his email is included above. Please welcome him as a rep for Robotics. And also he is interested to talk with Nirmal and others about forming a student branch at Unitec.</p>

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19/05/2011	<p>Bruce reported for robotics: February there was a workshop and people came from around the country. We had the chapter annual meeting and chose the committee for 2011: Chair: Professor Dale Carnegie, Victoria University of Wellington, email: Dale.Carnegie@vuw.ac.nz Vice-chair: Associate Professor Bruce MacDonald, University of Auckland, email: b.macdonald@auckland.ac.nz Secretary/Treasurer: G. Sen Gupta, email: G.SenGupta@massey.ac.nz I have reported the changes to IEEE. I think I reported the workshop before but it isn't on the web site so could be added now; maybe because I didn't send it in and just mentioned in the meeting. So that counts for one meeting for 2011. I am organizing a robotics seminar on May 27 and I think this can be a good IEEE seminar as well, as long as the presenter agrees (he is from Canterbury). I will try to arrange more. For the chapter there will be meetings across the country. I could not access the new meeting reporting system and have asked for access but not heard anything nor checked it again. I've just attended the main IEEE RAS conference in Shanghai.</p>

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14/10/2010	Nothing much to report for robotics. We are organizing a workshop later in the year..

Past Reports

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12/8/2010	Bruce Reports: The DL lecture on Aug 2 went fine. Not as many people as expected but just about 45. No costs so far; apparently the society HQ might cover the accommodation. I didn't bother with refreshments. He was an absolutely stunning speaker and lots of good messages about research and commercialisation in general.

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27/5/2010	Nothing new to report on robotics. Except that we are pretty much finalised on Monday August 2 for the DL in robotics to visit. And I think we are looking at a night accommodation and sharing the flight to Christchurch.

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22/4/2010	The chapter committee met by teleconference, chaired by XiaoQi from Canterbury as previous chair and handing over to Bruce as 2010 chair. Committee is: Bruce (Chair), XiaoQi Chen (Canterbury, vice-chair), Peter Xu (Massey, Albany, secretary/treasurer), plus members will be invited from NZ central, and Dr Wenhui Wang from Canterbury may be as well (Canterbury group is discussing). There is a surplus (40% of \$50K) from the Control conference that XiaoQi and Wenhui organized, some of which may be available to the chapter. The plan below was discussed.

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25/3/2010	The chapter chair role has moved to NZ North (last year was in NZ South) and Bruce MacDonald has agreed to fill the role, as planned. There is still US\$2000 funding for an initial workshop for the new chapter. The ICCA conference provided some surplus funds in NZ South, estimated at about \$20K and 40% of this would benefit the chapter. Planned events are listed below. As well as the workshop, four meetings are proposed across NZ, including one DL. Committee is: Bruce (Chair) , XiaoQi Chen (Canterbury, vice-chair), Peter Xu (Massey, Albany, secretary/treasurer).
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2010 Plans

Date	Event /Title	Location	Speaker (s)	Comment
October?	Robotics and Automation workshop	Auckland	TBC	All R&A members will be invited, and also an invitation to IEEE and other mailing lists (ie the local community), as well as government and industry. The budget is for local travel and accommodation of a keynote speaker (US\$500+US\$300), lunch (US\$1200), morning tea (US\$400), afternoon tea (US\$400) and US\$800 to be sought from sponsorship. A chapter meeting will be held during the workshop.
TBC	Robots for older care	Auckland	Bruce MacDonald	ECE Department seminar to be advertised to IEEE mailing list
June?	DL Robotics	Auckland and Christchurch	TBC	Planned DL visit organized by NZ South
TBC	Wearable Assistive Devices	Massey, Albany	Peter Xu	
31 March	Visit to Army Bomb Disposal Robots	Wellington	Dale Carnegie	NZ Central event with IET. Needs to be advertised to IEEE.
TBC	Seminar			

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27/11/2009	None

Events

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08/10/2009	None

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06/8/2009	None

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28/5/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The robotics and automation chapter is finally fully formed, as of 28 Dec 2008. And there is a web site at http://ewh.ieee.org/r10/nzs/ The joint chapter for robotics and automation was successful in obtaining US\$2000 to support a one day workshop for NZ robotics people. The submission was made by the chapter chair in Christchurch, and Bruce went to the meeting in Kobe at the ICRA conference last week to support it.

The robotics chapter has now had two technical meetings; one in South and one in Auckland (perhaps more in South that I don't know about). There have been other seminars on robotics, although not advertised to IEEE mailing list. We also launched a robotics project in August, together with the seminar below.

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14 August 2008	Fusion of ICT and RT for Quality of Life	Engineering School	Dr Oh, Sang-Rok	About 50 people attended; the meeting has been reported to IEEE (jointly with Computer Society)