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**2012**  
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***Celebrating 25 Years of IROS***

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## Plenary Talks and Round Table

- **Robot & Remote-Controlled Machine Technology for Response Against Accident of Nuclear Power Plants and Toward Their Decommission**  
(Prof. Hajime Asama)
- **Surgical Robotics - Achievements and Challenges**  
(Prof. Paolo Dario)
- **European Robotics Research: Achievements and challenges**  
(Dr. Libor Kral)
- **Today's DARPA Robotics Programs: Towards a Symbiosis of Productivity and Protection**  
(Dr. Gill A. Pratt)
- **Round Table: Robotics R&D Future Research Directions**

## Accident of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

- Earthquake (14:47)
- Loss of Power Supply
- Activation of Emergency Diesel Generator
- SCRAM
  - Stop Reactors
- Tsunami
- Damage of Fuel Tanks and Generators
- SBO (Situation of Black Out) (15:39)
- Failure of Cooling System of Reactors and Fuel Storage Pool
- Loss of Cooling Water
- Melt down
- Hydrogen Explosion (Mar. 12-15, Unit 1, 2, 3, 4)

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant



Source: The Federation of Earthquake Engineers of Japan, National and Industrial Safety Agency of Japan

By www.scribd.com, 2011



# Pre-Historic Surgery

- Brain surgery: the oldest practiced medical art
- Trephination or grind holes in the skull by using stone instruments
- This procedure was aimed at relieving demon spirits, treating skull fractures, or removing bone splinters
- Ample evidence of brain surgery dating back to the Neolithic period (Late Stone Age - 10,000 B.C.)
- Unearthed remains of successful brain operations were found in France at one of Europe's noted archeological digs
- Evidence of brain surgery was not limited to Europe
- Pre-Incan civilization used brain surgery as an extensive practice as early as 2,000 B.C.
- Here too was used for mental illnesses, headaches, organic diseases, osteomyelitis, as well as head injuries

Drilled skull, Iron age.  
The perimeter of the hole in the skull is rounded off by in-growth of new bony tissue, indicating that the patient survived the operation.





## What comes next

- *ICT Call 10 immediately*
- *Horizon 2020 entering serious preparation phase*
- *Robotics PPP under preparation*



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## Machine-human body dynamical symbiosis

There is a **third** interaction modality, where the human body and the machine establish a dynamic interaction, giving rise to emerging behaviors

Running



Cycling



Having fun



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Past, Today and  
Future

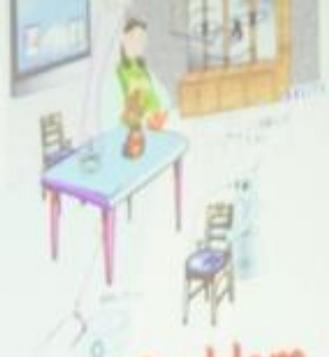
Master-Slave Manipulator  
[www.kit.edu/Science\\_and\\_Technology/history](http://www.kit.edu/Science_and_Technology/history)



Industrial Robots



Well-defined Problem  
Structured Environment



Ill-defined Problem  
Unstructured Environment



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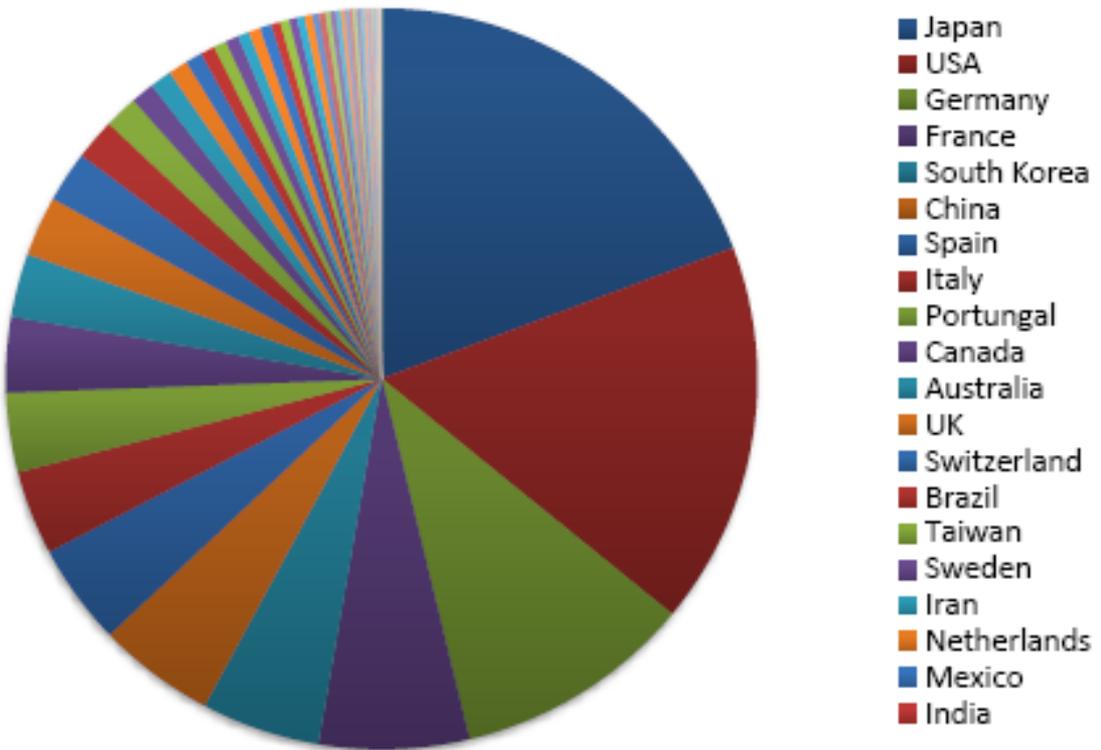
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# IROS 2012 Numbers

- 1801 papers submitted from 53 Countries,  
806 accepted, to be presented in 11 Parallel sessions
- 60 Video Contributions submitted, 39 selected
- 13 Silver Jubilee Video Contributions, 11 selected
- 49 Workshop and Tutorial proposals, 33 selected

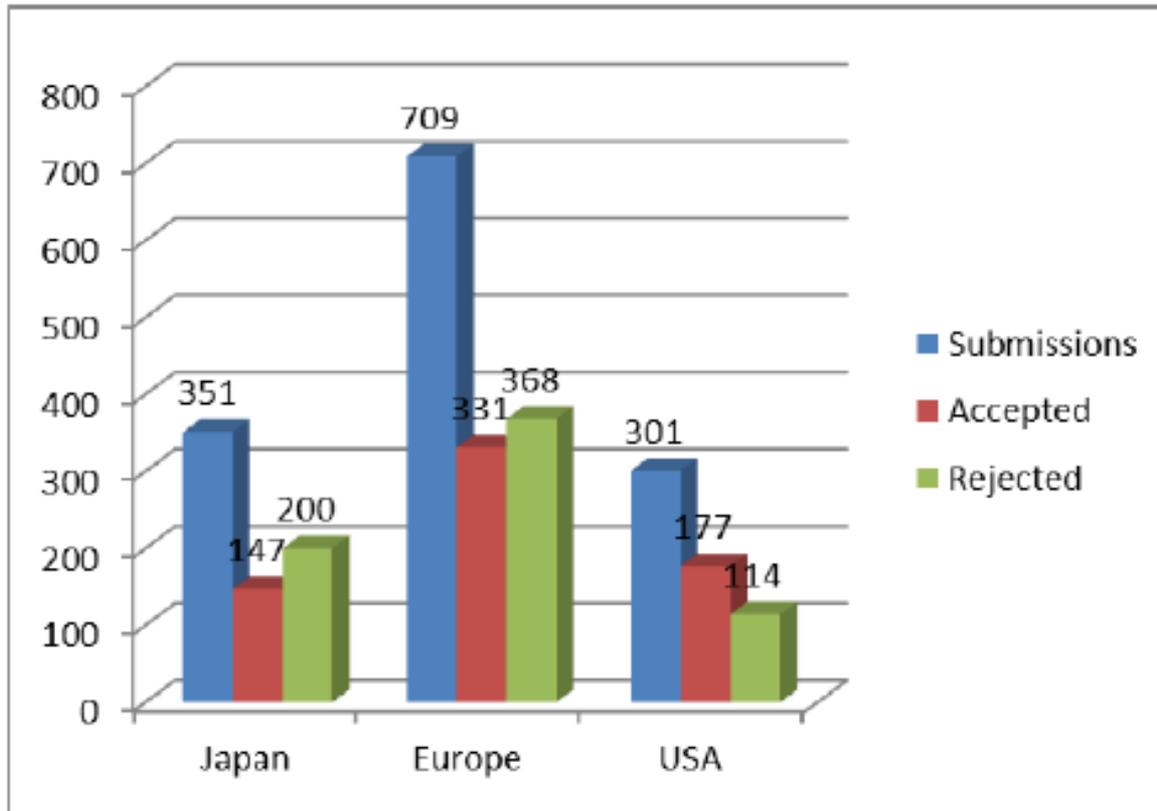
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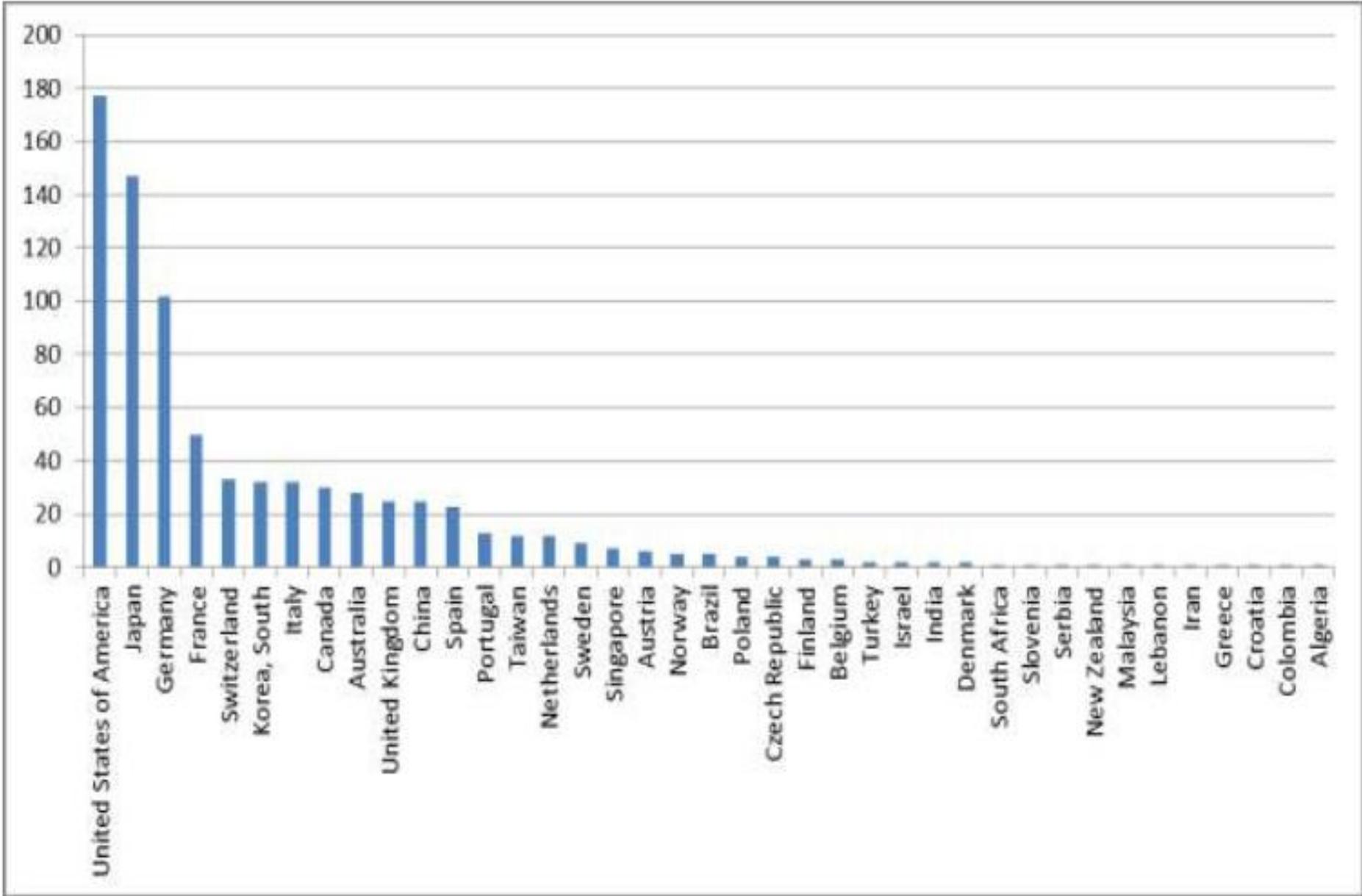
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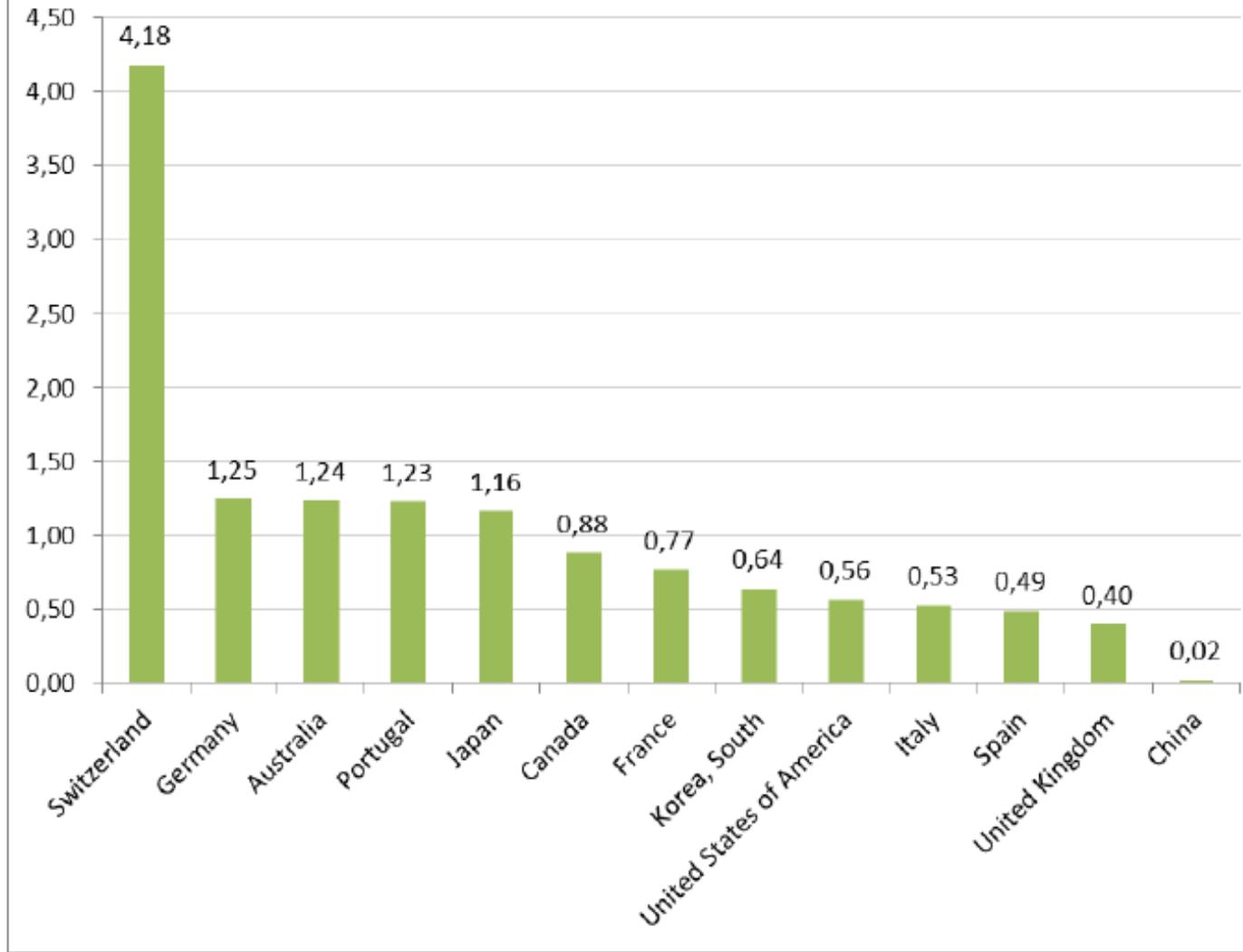
# Accepted Papers by Region

75% of paper submissions

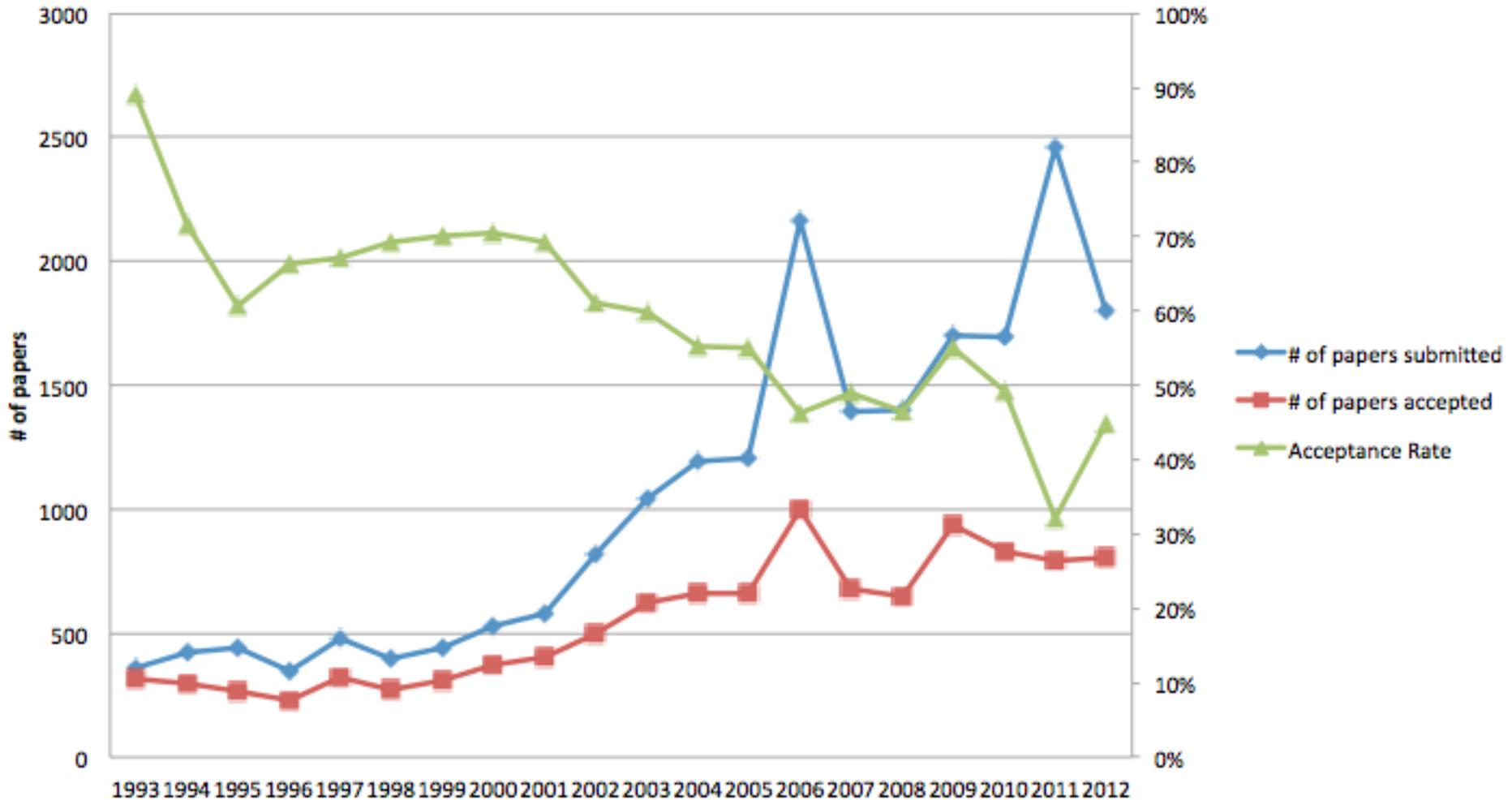




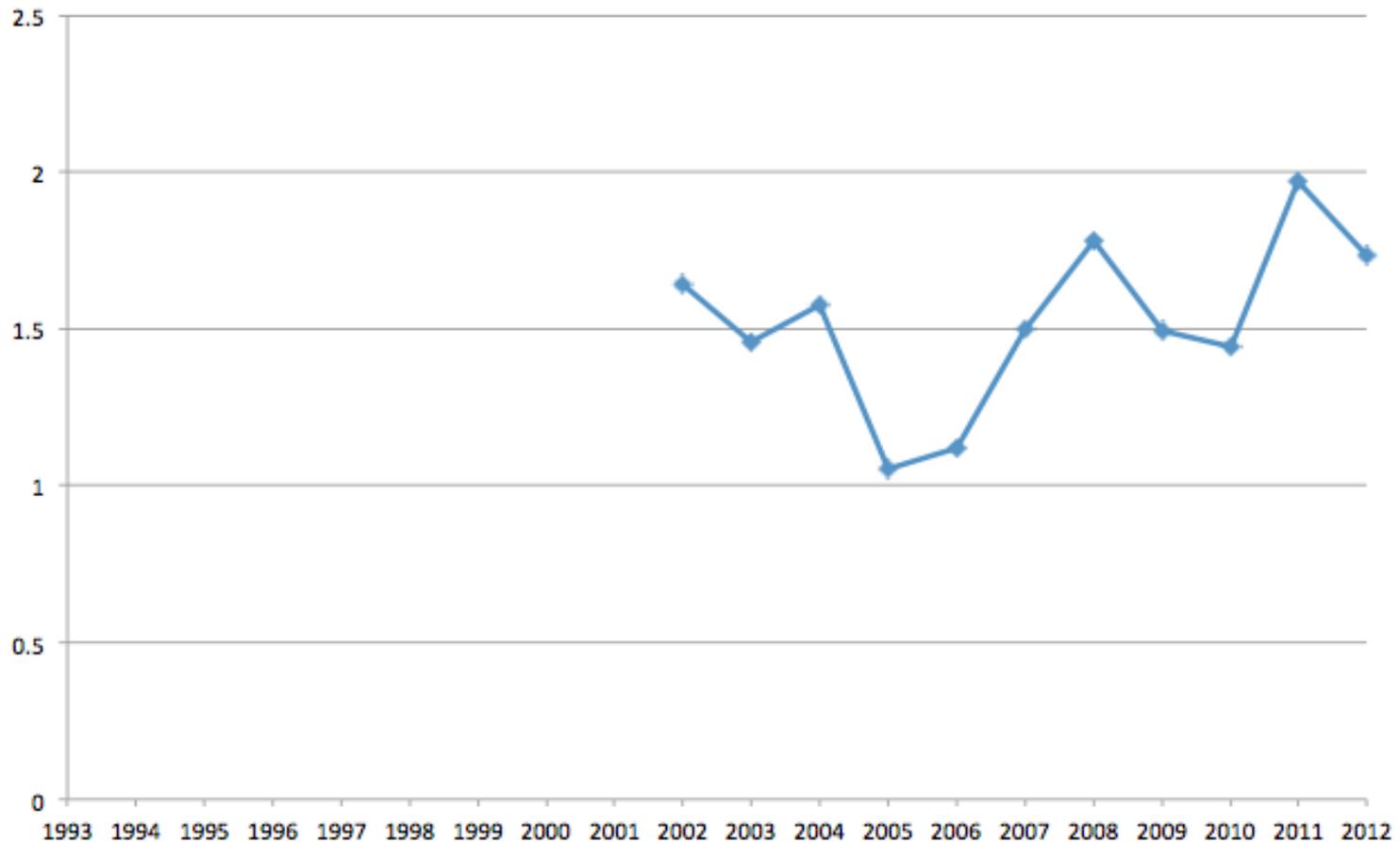
### accepted papers per million inhabitants



# Number of papers & acceptance rate of IROS



# Attendees rate against accepted papers



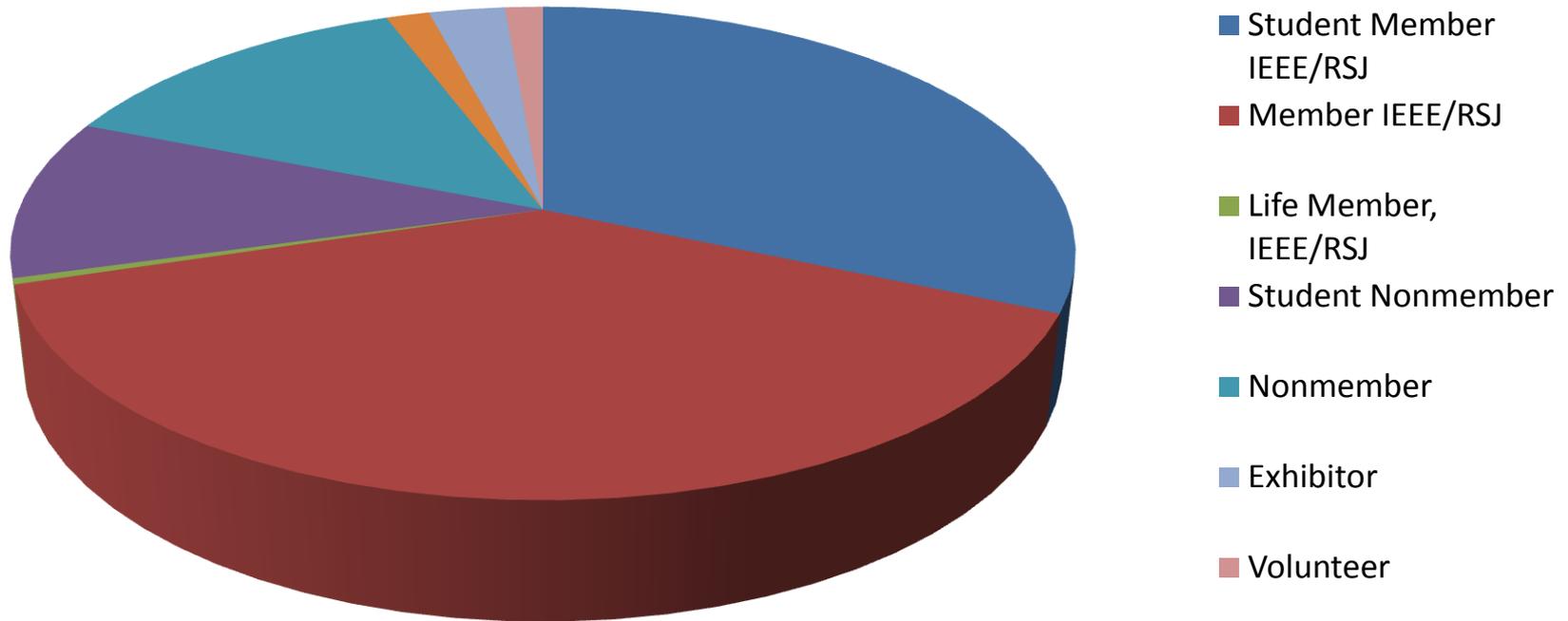
IROS2012: > 1,400 (as of 7 Oct. 2012)



# Participant Numbers!

- Over 1535 IROS2012 attendees (including Volunteers, IEEE, Exhibitors)
  - 646 students
- 650 attendees of Workshops and Tutorials
  - 29 Workshops and 2 Tutorials
  - 1 free special invited workshop on EU R&D Program
- 33 exhibitors

# 1535 Participants



# Special Features

- Video contributions integrated in regular sessions
  - 3 min video presentations
  - Best video award
- Interactive Displays
  - Browsing booths: IROS info, sessions, full paper contents
  - Interactive sessions (Selected videos)
- Proceedings on your iPad, smartphone or PDA
  - Local network mirror: <http://10.1.1.1>

# Industrial Forum

## Key topics discussed:

- Vision of industry leaders about the future of robotics
- Personal robots are seen as a major market change for the near future, but security issues arising from the interaction of robots with common persons may be still an issue.
- The role of open source vs. proprietary software in robotics

About 100 attendees

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**RoboCup**  
**@Work**

**COMPETITION &  
EXHIBITIONS**

## 3 teams

- LUHbots, Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
- Team Ephesus, Sabanci University, Turkey
- b-it-bots, Bonn-Rhein-Sieg U. of Applied Sciences, Germany

## 19 participants

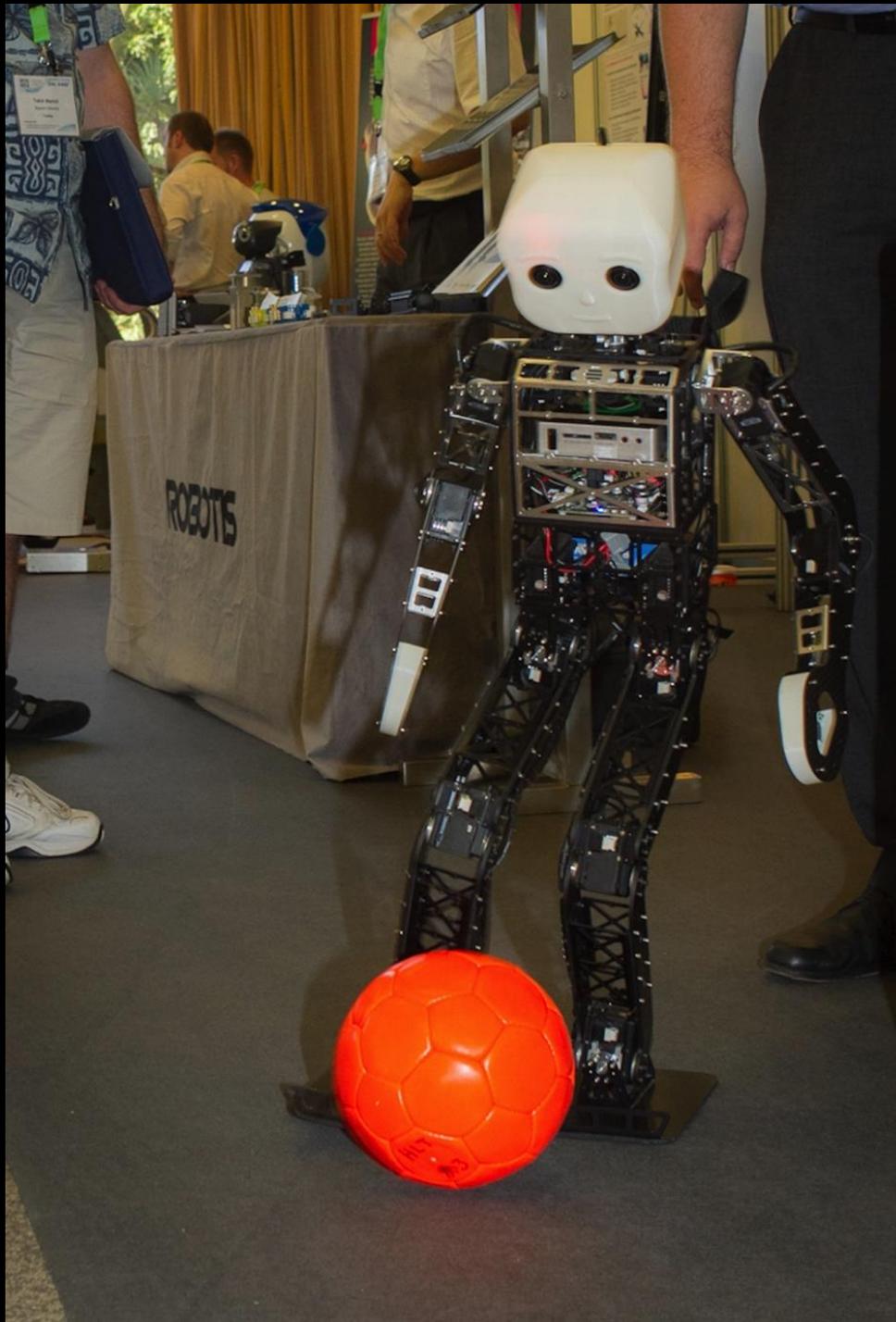
**Goal:** *push ahead robotics research through competitions and benchmarking using common challenges\*

## 33 Exhibitors



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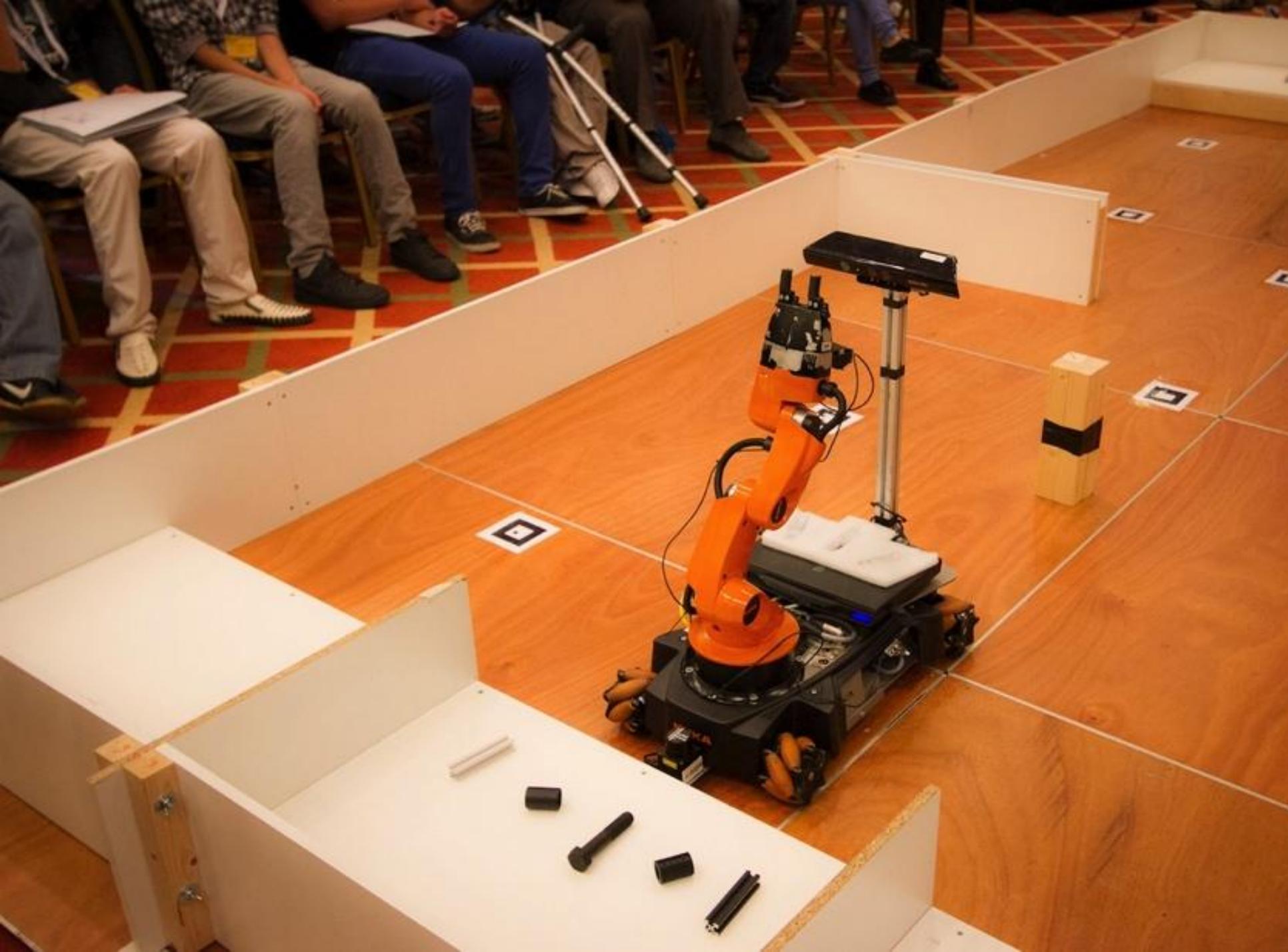
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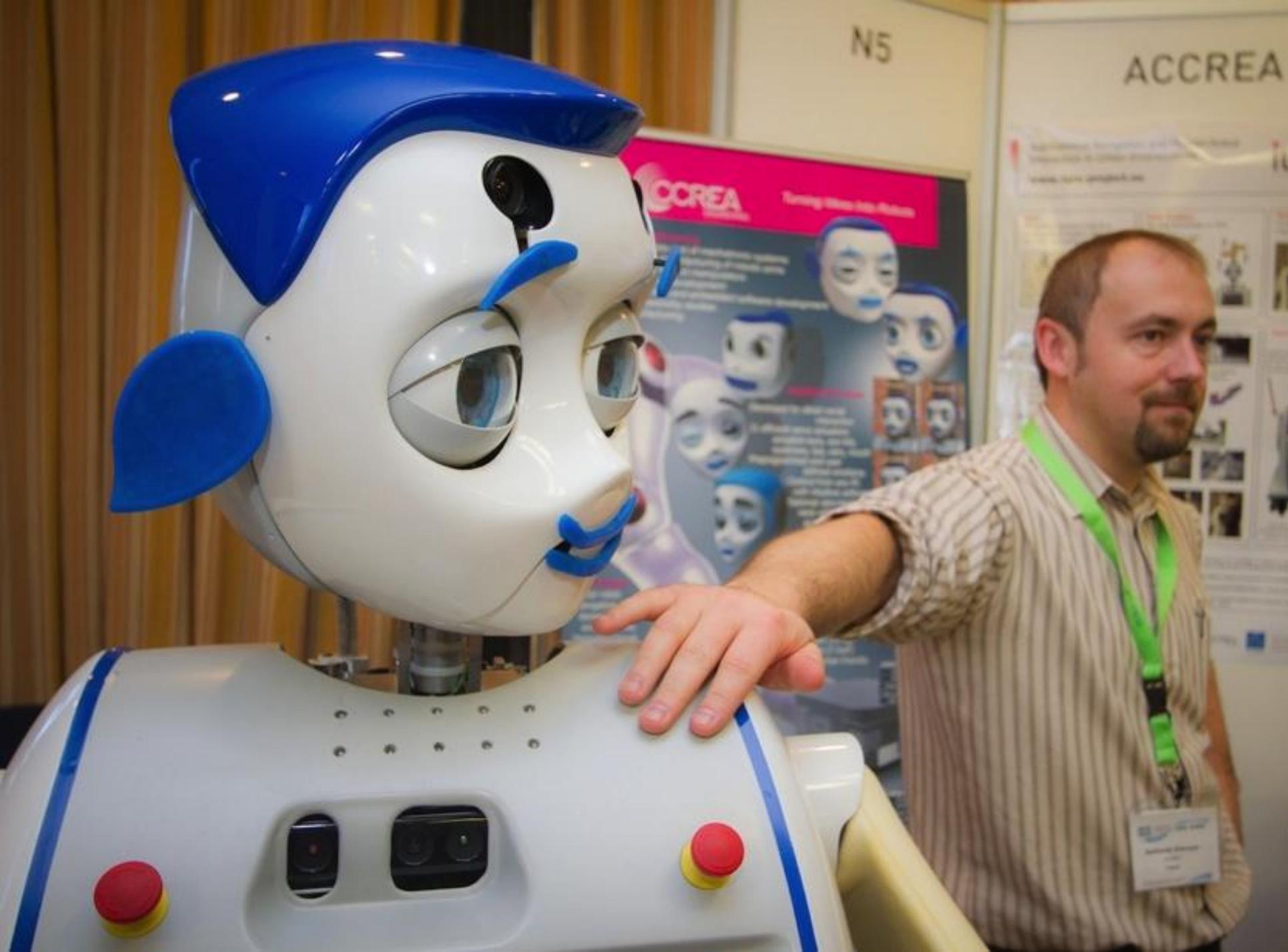
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ACCRA

**COREA**  
Telling stories in motion

Informational poster featuring multiple images of the robot's face and body, with text describing its capabilities and features.

Informational poster with the heading "ACCRA" and various images and text, likely related to the event or the robot's development.

# Celebrating 25 Years

- **Special Jubilee Session**
- **Jubilee Video**
  - Presentation of 5 minute professional videos
  - Special session with Jubilee
  - Best IROS Jubilee Video Award
- **Award Ceremony**





# Youth Outreach Event

- **Pre-College Student Event**
  - 40 students from schools of Algarve Region
  - invited to visit the Exhibitors Areas
  - contact with the latest robotics-related technologies
  - attend some plenary sessions and robotics competitions.
  - special session on how to become a robot creator.

# Social Events

- **Opening Ceremony** Monday, October 8, 9:00-9:30.
- **Welcome Reception** Monday, October 8, 19:00-21:00.
- **RAS events:**
  - **Women's Lunch** Tuesday, October 9, 12:45-13:45.
  - **Gold Lunch** On Wednesday, October 10, 12:45-13:45,
  - **Lunch with Leaders** October 10, 12:45-13:45.
- **Gala Dinner** Wednesday, October 10, evening by the pool.
- **Silver Jubilee Celebrations and Award Ceremony**  
Thursday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m.
- **Farewell Lunch** Thursday, October 11, at 12:30













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# Thank you for Your Participation!

## But... Enjoy the Farewell Lunch and the Remaining Workshops



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