

URAI 2011

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Welcome to URAI 2011



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On behalf of the organizing and program committees, I welcome you to URAI 2011, the 8th International Conference on Ubiquitous Robots and Ambient Intelligence held in the newly built city, IFEZ Songdo, Korea. The aim of URAI 2011 is to bring together professors, researchers, engineers, and students to present their recent works and to discuss the state-of-the-art technologies related to robotics.

As the General Chair, it is my pleasure and honor to host URAI 2011 which is organized by Korea Robotics Society (KROS), and IFEZ, and technically co-sponsored by IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, IEEE Seoul Section, Robotics Society of Japan, and Robotics Society of Taiwan. During last 7 years, URAI has been growing considerably in both quality and quantity of the program along with Korean government policies promoting robotics industry. Now URAI is a prominent conference worldwide in the field of robotics.

In this year, 201 papers have been selected to present in URAI 2011 among 249 papers submitted from 22 countries in the world. I thank all the participants who have chosen URAI 2011 as the conference to present their valuable papers.

For this conference organization, there are too many to thank individually, but in particular I thank Dr. Sangrok Oh (KROS President), Prof. Sangyoon Lee and Prof. Satoshi Tadokoro (Program Chairs), and Prof. Chul Hee Lee (Local Chair) for their dedicated efforts for a long time. I thank all the committee members, KROS staff, and volunteers to make this conference a reality. I express my deep appreciation to Prof. Clarence de Silva, Prof. Makoto Kaneko, and Prof. Jae-Bok Song for their plenary talks. Also, I thank all the financial sponsors including KOFST, Konkuk University, and Doosan Infracore.

Finally, I hope that every participant has a rewarding and memorable time from plenary talks, technical sessions, workshops/tutorials, exhibitions, technical/cultural tours, banquet, and personal meetings during URAI 2011 in IFEZ Songdo, Korea.