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Welcome to ISRR 2019!

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The International Symposium on Robotics Research (ISRR) promotes the development and dissemination of groundbreaking research and technological innovation in robotics useful to society by providing a lively, intimate, forward-looking forum for discussion and debate about the current status and future trends of robotics, with emphasis on its potential role to benefit humans.

As one of the pioneering symposia in robotics, ISRR has established some of the most fundamental and lasting contributions in the field bringing together top international experts in robotics since 1983. ISRR 2019 continues this tradition through a program that is designed to be ideas based, and interactive in flavor, seeking the discussion of provocative new ideas, open-ended themes, and new directions for robotics and research-derived applications, including robot design, control, robot vision, robot learning, planning, and integrated robot systems.

The ISRR 2019 program comprises a combination of distinguished talks, oral and interactive presentations as well as an attractive social program. 18 distinguished talks will be given by leading roboticists presenting blue sky ideas and their views on the field including past experience, lessons learned, success and failure stories of robotics, views on the future, latest developments in robotics and impact of robotics on society. The program includes 60 presentations, each presented in oral and interactive sessions, giving time for discussions between the participants.

We are very grateful to all the contributing authors, distinguished speakers, the program committee, reviewers and sponsors as well as the organization supporting teams in Hanoi Karlsruhe for their contributions to ISRR 2019.

Wishing everyone a wonderful experience in Hanoi!

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Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel Hanoi, General Manager



Important locations for the conference:

La Veranda & Patio:

All oral sessions and distinguished talks will take place at this location.



Thang Long Hall:

All interactive sessions, lunch and the farewell dinner will take place at *Thang Long Hall*.



Programme

Welcome Reception

Sunday, October 6, 19:00

La Veranda & Patio of the Sofitel
Legend Metropole Hotel



Monday, October 7

08:50 - 09:00 Welcome

09:00 - 10:10 Distinguished Talks

09:00 Oussama Khatib
TBD

09:30 Daniela Rus
Soft Capable Robots

10:10 - 11:20 Session 1: Control

10:10 Asymmetric Dual-Arm Task Execution Using an Extended Relative Jacobian
D. Almeida, Y. Karayiannidis

10:15 Consensus-Based ADMM for Task Assignment in Multi-Robot Teams
R. N. Haksar, O. Shorinwa, P. Washington, M. Schwager

10:20 Rapidly-Exploring Quotient-Space Trees: Motion Planning Using Sequential Simplifications
A. Orthey, M. Toussaint

10:25 Optimally Convergent Trajectories for Navigation
N. Kong, A. Johnson

10:30 Towards Online Observability-Aware Trajectory Optimization for Landmark-Based Estimators
K. M. Frey, T. Steiner, J. P. How

10:35 Joint Space Stiffness and Damping for Cartesian and Null Space Impedance Control of Redundant Robotic Manipulators
C. Saldarriaga, N. Chakraborty, I. Kao

10:40 On the Use of Cayley Transform for Kinematic Shape Reconstruction of Soft Continuum Robots
S. Grazioso, G. Di Gironimo, B. Siciliano

10:45 Compliance Optimization Considering Dynamics for Whole-Body Control of a Humanoid
K. Yamamoto, Y. Nakamura

10:50 Composition of Templates for Transitional Pedipulation Behaviors
T. Topping, V. Vasilopoulos, A. De, D. Koditschek

10:55 Probabilistic Mapping of Tissue Elasticity for Robot-Assisted Medical Ultrasound
M. Napoli, S. Goswami, S. McAleavey, M. Doyley, T. Howard

11:20 - 12:30 Interactive Session: Control

12:30 - 13:00 Distinguished Talk

12:30 Alin Albu-Schäffer
Nonlinear Elastic Resonance Modes for Efficient Locomotion: From Biology to Robots and Back

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 16:10 Distinguished Talks

14:30 Ken Goldberg
Robo-Exoticism: Art, History, and Our All Too Human Machines

15:00 Antonio Bicchi
Symbionics, or about Being a Bot

15:30 Siddhartha Srinivasa
Manipulation Challenges for the Next 20 Years

16:10 - 17:20 Session 2: Grasping and Manipulation

16:10 Certified Grasping
B. Aceituno-Cabezas, J. Ballester, A. Rodriguez

16:15 KPAM: KeyPoint Affordances for Category-Level Robotic Manipulation
L. Manuelli, W. Gao, P. Florence, R. Tedrake

16:20 Aerial Manipulation and Grasping by the Versatile Multilinked Aerial Robot DRAGON
M. Zhao, K. Okada, M. Inaba

16:25 Towards Assistive Robotic Pick and Place in Open World Environments
D. Wang, C. Kohler, A. ten Pas, A. Wilkinson, M. Liu, H. Yanco, R. Platt

- 16:30 Inferring Occluded Geometry Improves Performance When Retrieving an Object from Dense Clutter
A. Price, L. Jin, D. Berenson
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- 16:35 Robot-Assisted Feeding: Generalizing Skewering Strategies across Food Items on a Plate
R. Feng, Y. Kim, G. Lee, E. Gordon, M. Schmittle, S. Kumar, T. Bhattacharjee, S. Srinivasa
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- 16:40 Manipulation with Suction Cups Using External Contacts
X. Cheng, Y. Hou, M. T. Mason
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- 16:45 Combining Coarse and Fine Physics for Manipulation Using Parallel-In-Time Integration
W. C. Agboh, D. Rubrecht, M. R. Dogar
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- 16:50 REACH: Reducing False Negatives in Robot Grasp Planning with a Robust Efficient Area Contact Hypothesis Model
M. Danielczuk, J. Xu, J. Mahler, M. Matl, N. Chentanez, K. Goldberg
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- 16:55 A Billion Ways to Grasp: An Evaluation of Grasp Sampling Schemes on a Dense, Physics-Based Grasp Data Set
C. Eppner, A. Mousavian, D. Fox
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17:20 - 18:30 Interactive Session: Grasping and Manipulation

Tuesday, October 8

09:00 - 10:10 Distinguished Talks

09:00 Roland Siegwart

From Robotics Research to Applications: A Difficult but Rewarding Journey

09:30 Henrik Christensen

Human-Robot Collaboration in Urban Environments

10:10 - 11:20 Session 3: Robot Vision

10:10 Towards Resilient Autonomous Navigation of Drones

A. Santamaria-Navarro, R. Thakker, D. D. Fan, B. Morrell, A. Aghamohammadi

10:15 Generalized Proximal Methods for Pose Graph Optimization

T. Fan, T. Murphey

10:20 A Photo-Realistic Synthetic Dataset for Analyzing the Effects of Moving Objects on Visual Localization Algorithms for Drones

J. Yang, S. Lee, B. Lee

10:25 Attitude Tracking from a Camera and an Accelerometer on Gyro-Less Devices

T. Do, L. Neira, Y. Yang, S. Roumeliotis

10:30 A Unified Pipeline for 3D Detection and Velocity Estimation of Vehicles

X. Du, M. H. Ang Jr, S. Karaman, D. Rus

10:35 Exploration without Global Consistency Using Local Volume Consolidation

T. Cieslewski, A. Ziegler, D. Scaramuzza

10:40 Vision-Based Autonomous UAV Navigation and Landing for Urban Search and Rescue

M. Mittal, R. Mohan, W. Burgard, A. Valada

10:45 Visual-Inertial Localization for Skid-Steering Robots with Kinematic Constraints

X. Zou, M. Zhang, Y. Chen, Y. Liu, G. Huang, M. Li

10:50 Contact Inertial Odometry: Collisions Are Your Friend
T. Lew, T. Emmei, D. D. Fan, T. Bartlett, R. Thakker, A. Santamaria-Navarro, A. Agha-mohammadi

10:55 Model-Free Visual Control for Continuum Robot Manipulators Via Orientation Adaptation
M. Verghese, F. Richter, A. Gunn, W. Phil, M. C. Yip

11:20 - 12:30 Interactive Session: Robot Vision

12:30 - 13:00 Distinguished Talk

12:30 Makoto Kaneko
Fast and Fine Manipulation of RBCs in Artificial Capillary and Their Mysterious Behaviors

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 16:10 Distinguished Talks

14:30 Oliver Brock
Intelligence: A Robotics Problem

15:00 Frank Chongwoo Park
To Learn or Not to Learn: Robot Modeling in the Age of Machine Learning

15:30 Rüdiger Dillmann
From Models to Neuromorphic Approaches for SNN-Based Robot Control

16:10 - 17:20 Session 4: Robot Learning

16:10 Unsupervised Real-Time Control through Variational Empowerment
M. Karl, P. Becker-Ehmck, M. Soelch, D. Benbouzid, P. van der Smagt, J. Bayer

16:15 Learning Collaborative Action Plans from YouTube Videos
H. Zhang, P. Lai, S. Paul, S. Korthawade, S. Nikolaidis

16:20 Deep Transfer Learning of Pick Points on Fabric for Robot Bed-Making
D. Seita, N. Jamali, M. Laskey, A. K. Tanwani, R. Berenstein, P. Baskaran, S. Iba, J. Canny, K. Goldberg

- 16:25 Learning User Preferences for Trajectories from Brain Signals
H. Kolkhorst, W. Burgard, M. Tangermann
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- 16:30 Automatic Encoding and Repair of Reactive High-Level Tasks with Learned Abstract Representations
A. Pacheck, G. Konidaris, H. Kress-Gazit
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- 16:35 Multi-Class Target Tracking Using the Semantic PHD Filter
J. Chen, P. Dames
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- 16:40 Belief-Space Planning Using Learned Models with Application to Underactuated Hands
A. Kimmel, A. Sintov, J. Tan, B. Wen, A. Boularias, K. E. Bekris
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- 16:45 Introspective Robot Perception Using Smoothed Predictions from Bayesian Neural Networks
J. Feng, M. Durner, Z. Marton, F. Balint-Benczedi, R. Triebel
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- 16:50 Autonomous Exploration under Uncertainty Via Graph Convolutional Networks
F. Chen, J. Wang, T. Shan, B. Englot
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- 16:55 Mitigating Network Latency in Cloud-Based Teleoperation Using Motion Segmentation and Synthesis
N. Tian, A. K. Tanwani, K. Goldberg, S. Sojoudi
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17:20 - 18:30 Interactive Session: Robot Learning

Banquet

Tuesday, October 8, 19:00

Banquet at **Cau Go Vietnamese Cuisine Restaurant**



Wednesday, October 9

09:00 - 10:10 Distinguished Talks

09:00 Giogio Metta

iCub & Friends: My Quest for Building a Community of Roboticians

09:30 Herman Bruyninckx

Do You Know That Story about That Robot That Met Another Robot and Asked "Why?"

10:10 - 11:20 Session 5: Design, Control, Tools

10:10 Bilevel Optimization for Planning through Contact: A Semidirect Method

B. Landry, L. Joseph, Z. Manchester, M. Pavone

10:15 Active Rendezvous for Multi-Robot Pose Graph Optimization Using Sensing Over Wi-Fi

W. Wang, N. Jadhav, P. Vohs, N. Hughes, M. Mazumer, S. Gil

10:20 Robust Motion Planning for Non-Holonomic Robots with Planar Geometric Constraints

P. Tajvar, A. Varava, D. Kragic, J. Tumova

10:25 Fast Reciprocal Collision Avoidance under Measurement Uncertainty

K. Shah, G. Angeris, M. Schwager

10:30 Globally Optimal Joint Search of Topology and Trajectory for Planar Linkages

Z. Pan, M. Liu, X. Gao, D. Manocha

10:35 BRIGHT: Benchmarking Research Infrastructure for Generalized Heterogeneous Teams

T. Padir

10:40 The PRISMA Hand: A Sensorized Robust Hand for Adaptive Grasp and In-Hand Manipulation

H. Liu, P. Ferrentino, S. Pirozzi, B. Siciliano, F. Ficuciello

10:45 Embedded Neural Networks for Robot Autonomy

S. Aguasvivas Manzano, D. Hughes, C. Simpson, R. Patel, N. Correll

- 10:50 Taking Recoveries to Task: Recovery-Driven Development for Recipe-Based Robot Tasks
S. Banerjee, A. Daruna, D. Kent, W. Liu, J. Balloch, A. Jain, A. Krishnan, M. A. Rana, H. Ravichandar, B. Shah, N. S. Srikanth, S. Chernova
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- 10:55 ScRATCHS: Scalable and Robust Algorithms for Task-Based Coordination from High-Level Specifications
A. Jones, K. Leahy, C. I. Vasile, S. Sadraddini, Z. Serlin, R. Tron, C. Belta
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11:20 - 12:30 Interactive Session: Design, Control, Tools

12:30 - 13:00 Distinguished Talk

- 12:30 Sami Haddadin
Increasing the Closed Loop Dynamics of Robotics Research
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13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 16:10 Distinguished Talks

- 14:30 Peter Corke
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- 15:00 John Hollerbach
Realistic Walking on a Treadmill
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- 15:30 Yoshihiko Nakamura
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16:10 - 17:20 Session 6: Planning

- 16:10 The Blindfolded Robot: A Bayesian Approach to Planning with Contact Feedback
B. Saund, S. Choudhury, S. Srinivasa, D. Berenson
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- 16:15 Introducing PIVOT: Predictive Incremental Variable Ordering Tactic for Efficient Belief Space Planning
K. Elimelech, V. Indelman
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- 16:20 Multilevel Monte-Carlo for Solving POMDPs Online
M. Hoerger, H. Kurniawati, A. Elfes
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- 16:25 Multi-Objective Policy Generation for Multi-Robot Systems Using Riemannian Motion Policies
A. Li, M. Mukadam, M. Egerstedt, B. Boots
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- 16:30 Task-Motion Planning for Navigation in Belief Space
A. Thomas, F. Mastrogiovanni, M. Baglietto
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- 16:35 Adaptive Underwater Robotic Sampling of Dispersal Dynamics in the Coastal Ocean
G. E. Berget, J. Eidvik, M. O. Alver, F. Py, E. I. Grøtli, T. A. Johansen
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- 16:40 A Unified Sampling-Based Approach to Integrated Task and Motion Planning
W. Thomason, R. A. Knepper
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- 16:45 Temporal Scheduling and Optimization for Multi-MAV Planning
W. Wu, F. Gao, L. Wang, B. Zhou, S. Shen
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- 16:50 Taming Combinatorial Challenges in Clutter Removal
W. N. Tang, J. Yu
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- 16:55 Probabilistically Safe Corridors to Guide Sampling-Based Motion Planning
J. Huh, O. Arslan, D. Lee
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17:20 - 18:30 Interactive Session: Planning

Farewell Dinner

Wednesday, October 9, 19:00

Dinner at Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel Restaurant



Thursday, October 10

Excursion & Discussion Groups

“Once upon a time, soon after the Việt people established their country, invaders came. The Jade Emperor sent Mother Dragon and her Child Dragons down to earth to help the Việt people fight against their enemy. Right at the time invaders’ boats were rushing to the shore, the dragons landed down on earth. The dragons immediately sent out from their mouths a lot of pearls, which then turned into thousands of stone islands emerging in the sea like great walls challenging the invaders’ boats. The fast boats couldn’t manage to stop and crashed into the islands and into each other and broke into pieces.

After the victory, Mother Dragon and Child Dragons didn’t return Heaven but stayed on earth at the place where the battle had occurred. The location Mother Dragon landed is nowadays Hạ Long Bay...”



The Excursion to Halong bay will **start at 09:30 at the Sofiel Legend Metropole Hotel.**

All participants will enjoy a drive to Halong city in around 2.5 hours via the highway followed by a stopover at Legend Pearl to learn how locals culture pearl into the live oysters and to see how they harvest pearl.

After that, a deluxe boat awaits for an about 4 hour long boat cruise of this stunning area. The crew will offer a special seafood lunch while the boat is cruising through the islets. Lunch includes one complimentary soft drink. Then, visit the natural beautiful landscapes of Halong Bay and discover a beautiful caves: Heaven Palace grotto.

After about 4 hour navigation, all participants are back to harbor for a drive back to Hanoi. Arrive the hotel at around 18.00.

Friday, October 11

Workshop at Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST)
Details will be announced during the symposium

Social Events

Sunday, October 6, 19:00

Welcome Reception

La Veranda & Patio of the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel

Tuesday, October 8, 19:00

Banquet

Cau Go Vietnamese Cuisine Restaurant

Wednesday, October 9, 19:00

Farewell Dinner

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel Restaurant

Thursday, October 10, 9:30 am

Excursion and Discussion Groups

Halong Bay



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 – 10:10		Distinguished Talks	Distinguished Talks	Distinguished Talks	Excursion & Discussion Groups	Workshop at HUST
10:10 – 11:20		Session 1	Session 3	Session 5		
11:20 – 12:30		Coffee Break & Interactive Session				
12:30 – 13:00		Distinguished Talk	Distinguished Talk	Distinguished Talk		
13:00 – 14:30		Lunch Break				
14:30 – 16:10		Distinguished Talks	Distinguished Talks	Distinguished Talks		
16:10 – 17:20		Session 2	Session 4	Session 6		
17:20 – 18:30		Coffee Break & Interactive Session				

Welcome Reception

Dinner

Banquet

19:00 – 20:00

20:00 – 22:00