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IERA Award 2009

Call for Applications IEEE/IFR Invention & Entrepreneurship Award for outstanding achievements in commercializing innovative Robot and Automation Technology

The IEEE Robotics and Automation Society (IEEE RAS) and the International Federation of Robotics (IFR) jointly sponsor the Invention and Entrepreneurship Award. The purpose of this award is to highlight and honour the achievements of the inventors with value creating ideas and entrepreneurs who propel those ideas into world-class products. At the same time the joint disposition of the award underlines the determination of both organizations to promote stronger collaboration between robotics science and robotics industry. Up to one award will be given annually to the individual(s) whose entrepreneurial efforts have taken an earlier conceptual innovation and evolved it into a commercialized product. The winner(s) are expected to present the underlying principles of the concept, how they transformed this into the product, and demonstrate the commercial product realized from the concept at the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation in Kobe, Japan. Just a prototype product or proof of concept is not acceptable.

The award consists of a plaque and a \$2,000 honorarium. In case there are multiple winners, each recipient will receive a plaque and the honorarium will be equally split between the recipients.

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Schedule

February 1, 2009	Deadline for applications
February 28, 2009	Evaluation of applications and selection and notification of finalists
May 12, 2009	Award Ceremony with plenary lectures of the finalists at the IEEE/IFR Joint Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Robotics and Automation in Kobe, Japan

Nominees will be solicited through an award sub-committee and in response to a general call for nominees. The Call for Applications containing detailed information is attached to this document and can be downloaded on the IFR webpage www.ifr.org.

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The International Federation of Robotics was established in 1987 in connection with the 17th International Symposium on Robotics, as a professional non-profit organisation, by robotics organisations from over 15 countries. Since 1970 an International Symposium on Robotics is organised every year on a different continent, in a different country and another city. The Symposium is systematically organised in conjunction with an International Robot Exhibition.

The purpose of the International Federation of Robotics is to promote research, development, use and international co-operation in the entire field of robotics to act as a focal point for organisations and governmental representatives in activities related to robotics.