Minutes of the 13th Summit Meeting of the Asian Robotics Society Union (ARSU)

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Time: 11:45-14:15
Place: Room 4.R.4, Madrid Municipal Conference Centre, Madrid, Spain (IROS 2018 site)

Hosted by Robotics Society of Taiwan (RST)
Presided by Prof. Li-Chen Fu, National Taiwan Univ., Taiwan, Vice president of RST
Reported by Prof. Kazuhiro Nakadai

Agenda

1. A round of introduction by all participants.
   List of participants is shown in the last part of this minute.

2. Opening statement by Vice-President of RSJ - Prof. Minoru Asada

3. Reflection of the 12th Summit Meeting of ARSU.

4. Report of current status of each member society
   - ARAA (Australia & New Zealand) by Prof. Bruce McDonald
   - CAA (China) by Prof. Li Wen
   - TRS(Thailand) by Dr. Shen Treratanakulchai [w/ slide]
   - RST(Taiwan) by Prof. Li-Chen Fu [w/ slide]
   - KROS(Korea) by Prof. Hyouk Ryeol Choi [w/ slide]
   - RSJ(Japan) by Prof. Minoru Asada [w/ slide]
   - TRS(India) by Prof. Tomohiro Shibata (unofficial representative)
   All presentation slides are collected in pdf forms and form part of this minute appendix.

5. Open discussion
1) Change of name:
   - It is better to change the name of Asia Robotics Society Union (ARSU) as including pacific members with adding 'P'.
   - A suggestion of a new name: Pacific-Asia Robotics Society Union (PARSU)

2) How to improve this meeting:
   - Core event:
     ・workshop/ party/ lunch by inviting all participants from robotics societies belonging to ARSU
   - Exchange more useful information.
     Options are:
     ・Technical presentations
     ・Introduction of national projects/ company activities of each country/ region
     ・Introduction of programs featuring international collaboration by inviting government officials or so (e.g. JSPS)
   - Intermediate meetings for preparation: ICRA (Montreal)?

3) Response to Pakistan:
   - Hi Robo Tec that is new society of Pakistan founded in 2017 is asking us to join ARSU.
   - Welcome to join us, but the decision should be made after the invited presentation at IROS 2019.

6. Discussion of hosting future PARSU-SMs
   The future host of PARSU is decided as follows;

- IROS2019 (Macau, China): CAA (Pending).
  RSJ is waiting for a response from CAA whether they can host the next meeting or not.
  If CAA won't be able to host, RSJ will host the next meeting.
- IROS2020 (Las Vegas, USA): RSJ (confirmed).
- IROS2021 (Prague, Czech Republic): KROS (confirmed).
- IROS2022 (Kyoto, Japan): RSJ (confirmed)

Annotation: [Proposal for hosting ARSU summit meeting]
  Basic rules from 2016 are:
  - When IROS is held in the ARSU member country, the local society hosts the ARSU summit meeting at IROS site.
  - An Offer of hosting summit meeting is welcome, and if there is no specific offer, then KROS and RSJ host the summit meeting in turn, basically.
  - Hosting includes arranging the meeting place and lunch, announcement of the meeting, and their budget.
  - The host society is decided in the ARSU summit meeting two years in advance.
  Tips for hosting ARSU are indicated in following URL.
    http://www.asian-robotics.org/tips/

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7. Concluding Remarks.
  Looking forward to meeting everyone in 2019.
  IROS2019 (Macau, China) (November 3-8, 2019)

List of participants (in alphabetical order of member societies)

ARAA (Australian Robotics and Automation Association, Australia and New Zealand)
-   Prof. Bruce McDonald (the Univ. of Auckland, NZ, Representative of ARAA)

CAA (Chinese Association of Automation, China)
-   Prof. Li Wen (BUAA, Representative of CAA)

KROS (Korea Robotics Society, Korea)
-   Prof. Hyouk Ryeol Choi (Sungkyunkwan Univ., President of KROS)

RST (Robotics Society of India, India)
-   Absent
-   Prof. Tomohiro Shibata (Kyutech, Japan, Unofficial representative of TRS)
Notice:
    The name of the society and its acronym was changed from 'Robotics Society of India (RSI)' to 'The Robotics Society, India (TRS)' by request of The Robotics Society, India on 7 March 2018.

RSJ (Robotics Society of Japan, Japan)
-   Prof. Minoru Asada (Osaka Univ., Vice president of RSJ)
-   Prof. Prof. Kazuhiro Nakadai (HRI/Tokyo Tech, Executive board member of RSJ)
-   Dr. Yuji Hosoda (General secretary of RSJ)

RSS (Robotics Society of Singapore, Singapore)
-   Absent

RST (Robotics Society of Taiwan, Taiwan); Host society
-   Prof. Li-Chen Fu (National Taiwan Univ., Vice president of RST)

TRS (Thai Robotics Society, Thailand)
-   Dr. Shen Treratanakulchai (Imperial College London, UK, Representative of TRS)

VAA (Vietnam Association of Automations, Vietnam)
- Absent