

Minutes of the 14th Summit Meeting of the Pacific-Asian Robotics Society Union (PARSU)

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Time: 12:00-13:30

Place: Room LG-R22, The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel, Macau, China (IROS 2019 site)

Hosted by Chinese Association of Automation, China (CAA)

Presided by Prof. Minoru Asada, Osaka University, Japan, President of RSJ

Reported by Prof. Tetsunari Inamura, Prof. Takayuki Nagai

Agenda

1. Opening address by President of RSJ, Prof Minoru Asada, self-introductions by all the participants.
2. Minutes of the 13th Summit Meeting of ARSU.
3. Brief overview report of current status of each member society
 - RSJ (Robotics Society of Japan, Japan) by Prof. Minoru Asada [w/ slide]
 - KROS (Korea Robotics Society, Korea) by Prof. Byung-Ju Y [w/ slide]
 - ARAA (Australian Robotics and Automation Association, Australia and New Zealand) by Prof. Stefan Williams
 - CAA (Chinese Association of Automation, China) by Prof. Wewxue Wang
 - RST (Robotic Society Taiwan) by Prof. Ren C. Luo [w/ slide]
 - TRS (Thai Robotics Society, Thailand) by Prof. Tharida ManeewarnAll presentation slides are collected in pdf forms and form part of this minute appendix.

4. Open discussion

- Pakistan's application

Hi Robo Tec that is new society of Pakistan founded in 2017 is asking us to join PARSU. A representative member made a presentation via Skype. The society does not have formal structure such as president, vice president, members, etc. Activities remain at the level of circle activities in the university. After the discussion we agreed to the following decision:

Pakistan is too small and does not have a formal organization and is run by doctoral students. Thus, as a PARSU member, the conditions are not met.

- Future direction of the PARSU (proposal from RSJ)

It seems the time to reconsider our future directions and activities of PARSU. In the past, each society or organization had introduced its activity, and we have discussed any possibility of collaboration among us, but so far, we have not had productive ones, yet.

RSJ thus thinks that we should consider the future direction of the PARSU carefully including the positive disappearance or restructuring of the meeting towards a more fruitful and productive community. We welcome your good idea or suggestions.

- Comments from participants

RST (Prof. Ren Luo)

More formal management is required. It is better to continue because there is a history so far. It is good to decide which country's organization organizes every year, and to operate each with the minimum effort.

KROS (Prof. Byung-Ju Y)

The president and vice-president should attend and communicate information to the next year

TRS (Prof. Tharida Maneewarn)

Should PARSU meetings be held with IROS? It can be held in Asia. SKYPE meetings may also work. Basic information such as the number of members and the names of presidents and vice presidents should be written on the web. It is recommended to collect presentation materials before PARSU and place them on the web.

RSJ (Prof. Minoru Asada)

We will continue PARSU summit meeting with "minimum management". The host country, which will be decided firmly in advance, must organize the meeting properly.

5. Discussion of hosting future PARSU-SMs

- IROS2020 (Las Vegas, USA): KROS
- IROS2021 (Prague, Czechoslovakia): ARAA
- IROS2022 (Kyoto, Japan): RSJ
- IROS2023 (Dallas, USA): RST
- IROS2024 (Abu Dhabi): CAA or TRS? Next discussion item

6. Next meeting

IROS2020 Las Vegas, USA 2020

7. Closing remark by President of RSJ

Looking forward to meeting everyone in 2020.

IROS2020 (Las Vegas, USA), Oct.25-29, 2020

Note:

Tips for hosting PARSU are indicated in following URL.

<http://www.asian-robotics.org/tips/>

List of participants (in alphabetical order of member societies)

ARAA (Australian Robotics and Automation Association, Australia and New Zealand)

- Prof. Stefan Williams (ex-president of ARAA)

CAA (Chinese Association of Automation, China) ; Host society

- Prof. Wewxue Wang (Representative of CAA)

KROS (Korea Robotics Society, Korea)

- Prof. Byung-Ju Y (President of KROS)
- Prof. Bum-Jae You (Vice President of KROS)
- Ms. Mira Yoon (General secretary of KROS)

RST (Robotics Society of India, India)

- Absent

RSJ (Robotics Society of Japan, Japan)

- Prof. Minoru Asada (President of RSJ)
- Prof. Fumitoshi Matsuno (Vice president of RSJ)
- Dr. Hiroki Murakami (Vice president of RSJ)
- Dr. Yuji Hosoda (General secretary of RSJ)
- Prof. Tetsunari Inamura (Board member of RSJ)
- Prof. Takayuki Nagai (Board member of RSJ)

RSS (Robotics Society of Singapore, Singapore)

- Absent

RST (Robotics Society of Taiwan, Taiwan)

- Prof. Ren C. Luo (President of RST)

TRS (Thai Robotics Society, Thailand)

- Prof. Tharida Maneewarn (Representative of TRS)

VAA (Vietnam Association of Automations, Vietnam)

- Absent

