



Figure 1. Christ's College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, which recently hosted the International Summer School on Social Human-Robot Interaction.

environments, robot-assisted therapy, interaction design for robots, tools and technologies, and ethics. For more information, please visit <http://www.hrisummerschool.org/>.

In 2013, RAS-TEP also helped support the Telerobotics Summer School, which addressed graduate students, postdocs, and researchers involved or interested in the new challenges of telerobotics. Held 8–12 July 2013 at Keio University in Japan, it was offered by the RAS Technical Committee on Telerobotics in cooperation with the International Virtual Reality Center. A total of 48 students and 22 invited speakers representing universities and

ICAR to South America

In November 2013, the International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR) (www.icar2013.org) was held in Montevideo, the capital city of Uruguay, and it was the first time that a major robotics conference reached Latin America.

Since the first ICAR was organized in Japan by Prof. Hanafusa and Prof. Umetani 30 years ago, the goal of ICAR has been to break the barriers in robotics. The earlier conferences were organized to bridge the gap between industrial and academic robotics. The last ICAR conferences focused on making a bridge between more and less established robotics communities. ICAR was organized on 25–29 November 2013 at the Facultad de Ingeniería of the Universidad de la República under the technical leadership of Prof. Alfredo Weitzenfeld and Prof. Javier Ruiz del Solar. The conference featured the plenary lectures by Ron Arkin of the Georgia Institute of Technology; Oussama Khatib of Stanford University;

Angel Caputi and Eduardo Mizraji of the Universidad de la República, Uruguay; Anna Real Costa of the Escola Politécnica of São Paulo, Brazil; Pedro Lima of the Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal; and Eleonora Widzyk-Capehart of the University of Chile, as shown in Figure S1.

Before the conference, five tutorials and four workshops examined in depth the scientific and technological boundaries. More than 200 people from 31 countries attended the conference with many students from Uruguay and the neighboring countries. The interaction among the participants and especially among the students and the plenary speakers was extremely active and successful, supported by a flawless organization and very nice weather.

As a tradition, the venue of the next ICAR was selected during the conference by the organizing committee members and the plenary speakers. The proposal by Aydan Erkmén to bring the ICAR to Istanbul in August 2015 was chosen, and we look forward to going to Turkey for ICAR 2015.

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Figure S1. A wine tasting lecture during the social dinner.

companies from 16 countries participated in the summer school (Figure 2).

The summer school was split into four parts: 1) nine lectures provided insights

into the main issues regarding teleoperation directly from recognized experts in the field; 2) excursions were organized to seven laboratories on teleportation and



Figure 2. The Telerobotics Summer School attendees from 16 countries.