

Welcome to 18 New IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Chapters

Congratulations and welcome to the following newly organized IEEE Robotics and Automation Society (RAS) Chapters.

Regions 1–6

- **United States**
 - Charlotte Section RAS Chapter
 - Clemson University RAS Student Branch Chapter
 - Houston Section RAS Chapter.

Region 8

- **Norway**
 - Norway Section Control Systems and Robotics and Automation Joint Societies Chapter
- **Tunisia**
 - National School of Computer Sciences RAS Student Branch Chapter
- **Turkey**
 - İzmir Institute of Technology RAS Student Branch Chapter.

Region 9

- **Brazil**
 - Faculdade de Tecnologia Senai Cimatec RAS Student Branch Chapter, Bahia Section
 - Universidade Federal de Alagoas RAS Student Branch Chapter, Bahia Section
 - Universidade Federal de Santa Maria RAS Student Branch Chapter, South Brazil Section
 - Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro RAS Student Branch Chapter, Rio de Janeiro Section
- **Paraguay**
 - Universidad Nacional de Asunción RAS Student Branch Chapter, Paraguay Section.

Region 10

- **Bangladesh**
 - Bangladesh Section RAS Chapter
- **India**
 - Ahmedabad University RAS Student Branch Chapter, Gujarat Section
 - G.L. Bajaj Institute of Technology and Management, Greater Noida, RAS Student Branch Chapter, Delhi Section

- Government Engineering College, Barton Hill, RAS Student Branch Chapter, Kerala Section
- Muffakham Jah College of Engineering and Technology RAS Student Branch Chapter, Hyderabad Section
- SJC Institute of Technology/Bangalore University RAS Student Branch Chapter, Bangalore Section
- **Pakistan**
 - Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi Joint Sections RAS Chapter.

Deadline for RAS Local Chapter Initiative Grants

The RAS Member Activities Board (MAB) awards a limited number of Chapter initiative grants to local RAS Chapters for professional development, educational outreach, and other programs. Grant proposals will be reviewed by the MAB at its meeting in Australia in late May 2018, and funds up to US\$2,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis. The deadline for proposals is 30 April 2018. For submission details, please visit <http://www.ieee-ras.org/membership/chapters>.

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2018 IEEE RAS Fellows Class Announced

Congratulations to the following IEEE Robotics and Automation Society (RAS) members who were elevated to Fellow grade, effective 1 January

2018! Nominees for IEEE Fellow must hold the grade of Senior Member or Life Senior Member to qualify for elevation to Fellow status.

2018 RAS Fellows Evaluated by RAS

- **Pieter Abbeel** (University of California, Berkeley) for contributions to

apprenticeship and reinforcement learning for robotics and autonomous systems.

- **Hajime Asama** (University of Tokyo) for contributions to distributed autonomous robotic systems.
- **Oliver Brock** (Technische Universität Berlin) for contributions to mobile manipulation and grasping.

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