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### International Robotics Showcase

***A showcase of robotics for academia, industry and the public.***

Registration is now open for the International Robotics Showcase, the pinnacle event of UK Robotics Week 2017.



Jointly organised by the [EPSRC UK-RAS Network](#) and the [IET](#) the ***International Robotics Showcase*** will take place at [IET Savoy Place London](#) on Friday 30 June 2017, 08:30 - 18:30.

The full-day programme includes exclusive talks by world-renowned experts in science and technology, panel discussions, exhibitions, robot demonstrations and an award ceremony for competition winners, demonstrating cutting edge robotics innovation.

- Exciting demonstrations of cutting edge robotics technology;
- Lively discussion & debate, covering ethical, legal & economic impacts of Robotics & AI;

- The release of several new White Papers, covering the current research landscape in:
  - Resilient Infrastructure Robotics
  - Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
  - Robotics for Emergency Response, Disaster Relief and Resilience
  - Robotics in Social Care: A Connected Care EcoSystem for Independent Living

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## UK Robotics Week 2017

Robotics Week Returns:

The UK's role at the heart of robotics innovation will be shared again with the public this summer with the return of UK Robotics Week, encompassing an expanded nationwide programme of events for this week-long celebration (24th - 30th June 2017).



Building on the huge success of last year's inaugural event, UK Robotics Week 2017 offers activities for people of all ages up and down the country, from exclusive open days and public lectures (such as ***A Fatal Attraction?*** with Professor Kerstin Dautenhahn, Monday 19th June 2017, 18:00 at University of Liverpool), to film premieres, competitions, cutting-edge robotics demonstrations and exhibitions.

A key highlight will be the ***Science Museum Lates Exhibition: Robots*** (Wednesday 28th June 2017, 18:45), which will feature a unique collection of over 100 robots, from a 16th-century mechanical monk to robots from science fiction and modern-day research labs.

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## The 10th Hamlyn Symposium on Medical Robotics

The Hamlyn Symposium on Medical Robotics allows surgeons and engineers from across the globe to experience the latest developments in medical robotics.

Surgical Robot Challenge 2017 will be held on Sunday 25th June at the Royal Geographic Society in London.

The main symposium will be held on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th June. Workshops will be organised for Wednesday 28th June.



The symposium annually attracts world-leading scientists, engineers and clinicians from a wide range of disciplines associated with medical robotics and surgery.

Hamlyn Symposium: 25-28 June 2017

Venue: The Royal Geographical Society, London, UK

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## Towards Autonomous Robotic Systems (TAROS) Conference

The 18th Towards Autonomous Robotic Systems (TAROS) Conference will be held in the [University of Surrey](#), Guildford, UK on 19th to 21st July 2017.

TAROS is the longest running UK-hosted international conference on Robotics and Autonomous Systems (RAS), which is aimed at the presentation and discussion of the latest results and methods in autonomous robotics research and applications. Being a featured event of the [UK Robotics Week 2017](#), TAROS-2017 will be held at the University of Surrey to include an academic conference, industry exhibitions, robot demonstrations and other satellite events.



TAROS offers a friendly environment for robotics researchers and industry to take stock and plan future progress. It welcomes senior researchers and research students alike, and specifically provides opportunities for research students and young research scientists to present their work to the scientific community.

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## NEWS

[EPSRC Funding Call: Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Hubs in Extreme and Challenging \(Hazardous\) Environments](#)

Innovate UK, EPSRC and NERCare working closely together to deliver an integrated programme investigating the development and deployment of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (RAI) systems in extreme environments as part of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF).

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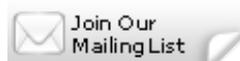
The Connecting Capability Fund (CCF) aims to stimulate strategic collaboration between universities, which enables them to pool expertise, build connecting capacity and share good practice.



The fund complements and builds on established HEIF mechanisms.

Universities will be informed separately of additional formula allocations totalling £15 million for 2017-18 from the CCF. The majority of funding, £85 million, will be allocated for competitive projects and sector-wide enhancements, to be used by March 2021.

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