

To Fiware Madrid, October 2017

Ref: Invitation to join the *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems* (IROS 2018) as a Sponsor or Exhibitor.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am glad to inform you that the International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS 2018) will be held in Madrid on 1-5 October 2018. The designation of the Madrid conference was achieved in a tough competition with other European cities.

As you know, IROS is the world's largest robotics event, which is rotating between three continents (Asia, America and Europe). Therefore, it takes place in Europe only every 3 years. Last IROS were held in Hamburg (2015), Daejeon, Korea (2016), and Vancouver, Canada (Sept. 2017). The IROS conference is sponsored by the two most important scientific robotic societies in the world, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Japan Robotics Society (JRS).

The event will gather for a week over 3.000 participants from more than 50 countries worldwide at the Municipal Conference Centre of Madrid. It is estimated that nearly 200 universities and research centers in the world will be present, as well as numerous technology companies. About 1.000 scientific papers will show the latest developments and trends in robotics (around one third per continent). They will present the most influential results in robotics, artificial intelligence and related technologies.

In addition, the conference will be accompanied by numerous side events: robotics fair with more than 100 booths, robotic competitions, workshops, forums (governmental, public discussions), round tables, events for entrepreneurs, young students, etc. Having regard to the interest and experience of previous IROS, the conference will attract a multitude of national and international media.

I would like to invite your company to be part of IROS 2018 as a sponsor and/or exhibitor. There are six exhibitor and sponsor packages and, for sure, one of them will be of great interest and meet the needs of your company.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Carlos Balaguer General Chair IROS 2018