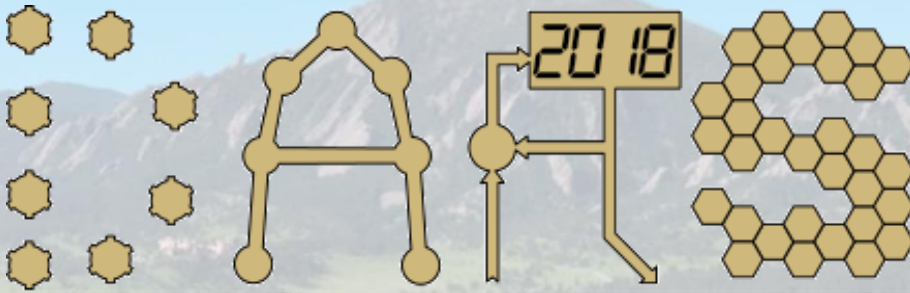


# Int. Symp.on Distributed Autonomous Robotic Systems



**Oct 15-17, 2018**  
**Boulder, CO**

## Information for Exhibitors and Sponsors

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The premiere international conference on distributed autonomous robots
- Showcasing the latest research and technologies in the field
- Invited talks by world leading researchers e.g. Prof Daniela Rus (Director, MIT CSAIL) and Prof. John Ousterhout (Stanford University)
- Conference venue on the campus of the University of Colorado, conveniently accessible from Denver International Airport
- 120 (max. 200) international delegates from academia, governments, and industry
- Around 150 senior researchers already supporting DARS 2016
- Global coverage reaching around 20,000 roboticists and enthusiasts worldwide via email lists, twitter and facebook

Now in its 14th edition, DARS provides a forum for scientific advances in the theory and practice of distributed autonomous robotic systems. It is a highly selective, singletrack meeting that is soliciting submissions presenting significant, original, and previously unpublished research. Being a sponsor of DARS 2018 is a cost-effective way to gain visibility with a highly in-demand workforce and a vibrant research community.

Distributed robotics is an interdisciplinary and rapidly growing area, combining research in computer science, communication and control systems, and electrical and mechanical engineering. Distributed robotic systems can autonomously solve complex problems while operating in highly unstructured real-world environments. They are expected to play a major role in addressing future societal needs, for example, by improving environmental impact assessment, food supply, transportation, manufacturing, security, and emergency and rescue services, and already have fundamentally transformed logistics and personal transportation. DARS 2018 will build upon past successes and provide an exciting environment to present and discuss the latest technologies, algorithms, system architectures, and applications. All interested researchers and engineers are invited to take part in DARS 2018.

DARS 2018 builds on past successes that took place in 1992, 1994, and 1996 in Japan (Riken, Wako); Karlsruhe, Germany (1998); Knoxville, Tennessee, USA (2000); Fukuoka, Japan (2002); Toulouse, France (2004); Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA (2006); Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan (2008); Lausanne, Switzerland (2010); Baltimore, Maryland, USA (2012); Daejeon, Korea (2014); and London, UK (2016).

### WEB ADDRESS

[www.dars2018.org](http://www.dars2018.org)

## **KEYNOTES**

DARS 2016 includes four keynotes by internationally renowned experts in distributed robotics and related disciplines:

- Prof. Julien Bourgeois (Université Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, France)
- Prof. John Ousterhout (Stanford University, USA)
- Prof. Daniela Rus (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)

## **LOCATION AND DATES**

DARS 2018 will be held from October 15-17, 2018 at the University Memorial Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

## **ESTIMATED LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE**

120 delegates (200 max.)

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

The conference proceedings will be published in the Springer SPAR Series (Springer Proceedings on Advanced Robotics).

## **AWARDS**

DARS 2018 will award a “Best Paper Award” that comes with \$1000 prize money. Other awards will require external sponsorship and can possibly include “Best Application Paper Award”, “Best Student Paper Award”, or “Best Poster Award”. The awards will be selected based on the quality of the paper and the presentations and evaluated by an anonymous jury led by Prof. Dylan Shell (Texas A&M University).

## EXHIBITOR AND SPONSOR PACKAGES

DARS 2018 provides four sponsor packages: platinum, gold, silver, and bronze. Payments will be handled by direct wire-transfer to the University of Colorado and are exempt from sales tax.

Sponsor Package	Price (USD)	Maximum Number
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Gold	1500	4
Silver	750	10
Bronze	300	Unlimited

Benefits	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
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Conference registrations included (includes banquet)	4	2	1	-
Exhibition booth option (1 table & chair, power), identified as exhibitor in print & online conference brochure): \$250	✓	✓	✓	-
Identified as sponsor in conference proceedings (published in print and online by Springer in SPAR series)	✓	✓	-	-
Company logo and link to company website on DARS website (main page)	✓	-	-	-
Identified as sponsor in opening speech	✓	-	-	-
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Networking lunch & posters session sponsor	Session named after company & company logo will appear on lunch/posters session signage	500

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