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Announcing the New EiC

Welcome to the September issue of our magazine. At the time of writing of this editorial, we just came back from Kobe where I personally had a great intellectual and social time. On the intellectual side, I had the opportunity to follow good presentations and discuss interesting topic with colleagues living far from my home location. On the social side, I had a great time, especially playing with



my friends in The RASOR. I do not know whether the audience had as much as fun as did the players, but I really love it every time.

At the last RAM editorial board meeting, the board members decided that, at the next ICRA, we should present a certificate to the 2009 Best Reviewer for RAM, based on factors such as thoroughness, promptness, helpfulness, and number of reviews provided. No information about which articles he/she reviewed will be provided, to protect the anonymity of individual reviewers, but we wish to recognize the hard work and thoughtfulness that the magazine's reviewers give to this all important responsibility.



As I mentioned in my last editorial, my term as editor-in-chief (EiC) of the magazine is coming to an end, and it is my great pleasure to announce that the new EiC of the magazine will be Dr. Peter Corke from CSIRO in Australia. I am extremely happy and comfortable to leave the magazine to Peter who is not only an extremely distinguished scientist but also a motivated leader and pleasant person who will take care with dedication to keep the high level of the magazine and further improve it.

This issue on cognitive robotics has been guest edited by William Browne, Kazuhiko Kawamura, Jeffrey Krichmar, William Harwin, and Hiroaki Wagatsuma.

As always, if you have any comments, suggestions, or criticisms, do not hesitate to contact us. All the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society (RAS) officers are always there for our members.

Enjoy the issue!

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