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## EDITOR'S DESK

## **Robotics Take the Next Step**

or those of you who were present in Rome at ICRA2007, I hope you enjoyed the conference, workshops, tutorials, plenaries, exhibits, and social events at least as much as I did! Congratulations to Alessandro DeLuca, Paolo Dario, Bruno Siciliano, and all those who made this conference such a success. The picture below really gives an impression of the atmosphere at ICRA and in



our Society! I really enjoy the enthusiastic and creative scientific discussions and the collegial relations with friends from all over the world.

In this issue, there will be the first part of a great tutorial contributed by Jake Abbott, Zoltán Nagy, Felix Beyeler, and Bradley J. Nelson on microrobotics. It really gives a nice overview of the problems that are encountered when "going small."

The theme of this issue on walking and running biped robots particularly interests me, and I hope you will find it as fascinating as I did. Eric Westerfelt and Carlos Canudas-de-Wit have done a great job!

Thanks, guys.

Enjoy the issue!

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