

SWARM ROBOTICS WORKSHOP
September 30-October 1, 2006, CNR, Rome, Italy



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30th 2006

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

Morning Session

9:30 - 9:45 Opening Remarks

9:45 - 11:00 **Invited Talk:**

- An experiment in swarm robotics: the swarm-bot
- M. Dorigo

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Session: Algorithms-I** (Chair: To be announced)

- A navigation algorithm for swarm robotics inspired by slime mold aggregation
- T. Schmickl and K. Crailsheim
- Strategies for energy optimisation in a swarm of foraging robots
- W. Liu, A. Winfield, J. Sa, J. Chen, L. Dou
- An empirical study on the motion of self-propelled particles with turn angle restrictions
- A. Samiloglu, V. Gazi, B. Koku

13:00 - 14:15 **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session

14:15 - 16:00 **Session: Modelling and Analysis** (Chair: To be announced)

- A macroscopic model for probabilistic aggregation in swarm robotic systems
- O. Soysal, E. Sahin
- An analytical and spatial model of foraging in a swarm of robots
- H. Hamann and H. Woern
- Algorithms for the analysis and synthesis of a bio-inspired swarm robotic system
- S. Berman, A. Halasz, V. Kumar, S. Pratt
- Review of Control and Coordination of Multi-agent dynamic systems: models and approaches
- V. Gazi and B. Fidan

16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee break**

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16:30 – 18:00 **Panel Discussion: Topic will be announced later** (Chair: To be announced)

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Morning Session

9:30 - 10:00 **Session: Hardware** (Chair: To be announced)

- Communication in a swarm of miniature robots: The e-Puck as an educational tool for swarm robotics
- C. Cianci, X. Raemy, J. Pugh, A. Martinoli
- UltraSwarm: A further step towards a flock of miniature helicopters
- R. De Nardi, O. Holland
- Where are you?
- W. Spears, J. Hamann, P. Maxim, T. Kunkel, R. Heil, D. Zarhitsky., D. Spears, C. Karlsson

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Session: Algorithms II** (Chair: To be announced)

- Collective perception in a robotic swarm
- T. Schmickl, C. Moslinger, K. Crailsheim
- Distributed task selection in multi-agent based swarms using heuristic strategies
- D. Miller, P. Dasgupta, T. Judgkins

13:00 - 14:15 **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session

14:15 – 16:00 **Session: Evolutionary Approaches** (Chair: To be announced)

- Evolution of signaling in a swarm of robots controlled by dynamic neural networks
- C. Ampatzis, E. Tuci, V. Trianni, M. Dorigo
- Evolutionary design of specialized aerial explorer controllers
- A. Eiben, G. Nitschke, M. Schut
- Scalability in evolved neurocontrollers that guide a swarm of robots in a navigation task
- F. Vicentini, E. Tuci

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