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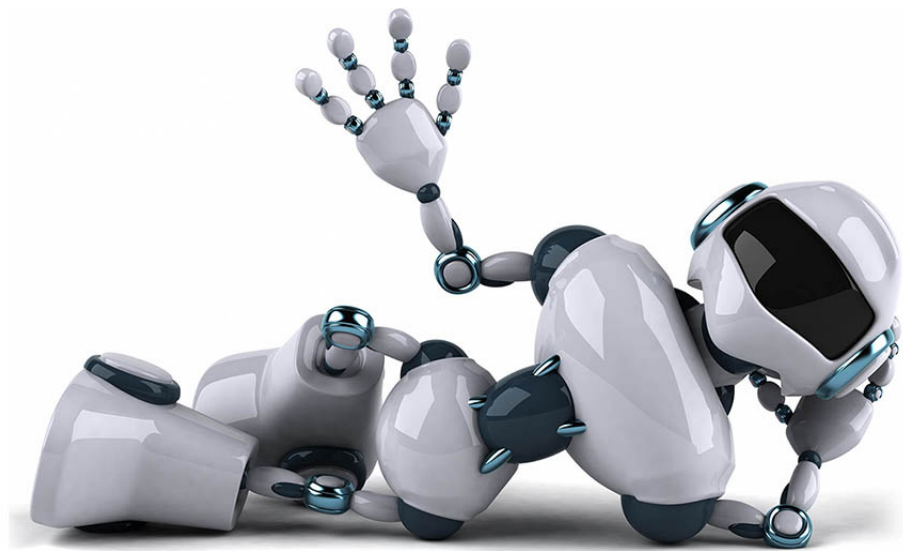
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Event Reports

The Future of Robot Rescue Simulation workshop

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This spring a workshop was held in the Lorentz Center in Leiden on the Future of Robot Rescue Simulation. This was not a regular Lorentz workshop, because the preparations of a regular Lorentz workshop start 1½ year in advance. In our case, a new roadmap and rulebook had to be prepared before the next RoboCup competition, which meant that the workshop had to be organized in short notice (half a year). Still, the workshop was completely in line with the philosophy of the Lorentz Center: to be a home for creative researchers and initiate new collaborations and interactions between scientists from different countries with varying seniority. At the end, the selected participants came from the Netherlands, Turkey, Italy, Tunisia, Austria, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Iran, Germany, Portugal, Peru, Malaysia, and Japan. They had participated in competitions as the DARPA Challenge, Japanese Virtual Robot Challenge, euRathlon, UAE Drones for Good, RoboCup Junior, RoboRace, Mid-size Sumo, and the RoboPoly challenges.



Figure 5: Participants of the Future of Robot Rescue Simulation workshop

The international community was very happy with the warm welcome they received in The Netherlands, which was partly due to the Wine & Cheese party sponsored by the KNVKI. Other social events were the city tour through Leiden and the conference diner in the Faculty Club, sponsored by respectively The Construct and Mathworks.

See <https://staff.fnwi.uva.nl/a.visser/activities/FutureOfRescue/>