

# ROBOTICS SCIENCE AND SYSTEMS

June 26-30, Pittsburgh USA



## Robotics Science and Systems Conference 2018 (RSS 2018)

We are currently planning the events and budget for RSS 2018. Sponsorship of our conference provides an opportunity to support one of the premiere international robotics conferences showcasing the latest research in this field. The RSS 2018 conference will bring together researchers working on the latest algorithmic and mathematical foundations of robotics, robotics applications, and the analysis of robotic systems. The conference will be held at Carnegie Mellon University and will include invited talks as well as oral and poster presentations of refereed papers. In addition to the technical aspects of the conference, a series of social events will provide opportunities for networking and recruiting.

## Our goal as conference

The explicit goal of RSS is to be the premier single-track robotics conference, representing all branches of robotics science and systems. RSS provides a venue with broad impact, to allow researchers to showcase their latest work, and to allow industry partners to showcase exciting new opportunities to the best and brightest in the field in a personal and focused setting.

## Relevance of RSS

RSS is the premier single-track robotics conference by impact factor<sup>1</sup>, and the third highest-cited robotics conference overall. The conference draws papers from all branches of robotics, but has a disproportionate share of papers on topics related to general autonomy, including motion planning, inference and learning. Many state of the art algorithms in planning under uncertainty, SLAM, human-robot interaction and deep learning were first presented at RSS. As a result, this conference represents and attracts the best research in robotics and autonomy. The RSS 2014, 2016 and 2017 editions had attendance of 800+ people, with students as more than one third of the registrants. We expect similar numbers again in Pittsburgh. Additionally, the banquet sponsor receives exclusive access to a list of students who express a desire to be contacted by the sponsor. The conference represents an excellent opportunity to connect to future hires.

### Contact Information

- The sponsorship is primarily handled by the RSS Foundation, and the contact is Nicholas Roy, nickroy@csail.mit.edu.
- Any specific requests about sponsored activities are handled by local arrangements at CMU, and the contact is Nathan Michael, nmichael@cmu.edu.

https://scholar.google.com/citations?view\_op=top\_venues&hl=en&vq=eng\_robotics

#### We offer the following sponsorship levels:

## RSS Patron: \$20,000

Sponsorship at the RSS Patron level receives the following benefits:

- Naming rights to one social event (excluding the banquet), which will provide an opportunity
  to display your contribution prominently at one of the venues selected to host the conference
  events
- Ten complementary registrations, and educational rate on any additional registrations
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference print materials
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference web site
- Logo on banner on stage
- Logo on name tag lanyard
- Space for a booth or desk to interact with attendees throughout the conference
- Ability to distribute material with registration packet

## RSS Sponsor: \$10,000

Sponsorship at the RSS Patron level receives the following benefits:

- Six complementary registrations, and educational rate on any additional registrations
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference print materials
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference web site
- Logo on banner on stage
- Space for a booth or desk to interact with attendees throughout the conference
- Ability to distribute material with registration packet

# RSS Small Business Sponsor: \$5,000

For small businesses (fewer than 500 employees) who wish to support the community, we offer the following benefits at a reduced level of sponsorship:

- Two complementary registrations, and educational rate on any additional registrations
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference print materials
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference web site
- Logo on banner on stage
- Ability to distribute material with registration packet

# RSS Banquet sponsor: Sold out for 2018

We are pleased that we have already had a request to sponsor the banquet in 2018, and this sponsorship level is no longer available for 2018. However, please contact us if you are interested in the banquet sponsorship in future years.

The banquet sponsor will receive the following benefits:

- Post-conference, access to our opt-in recruiting database.
- Per-table acknowledgement of sponsorship,
- An area within the banquet hall to distribute information.
- Ten complementary registrations, and educational rate on any additional registrations.
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference print materials
- Logo and acknowledgement on conference web site
- Logo on banner on stage
- Logo on name tag lanyard
- Space for a booth or desk to interact with attendees throughout the conference
- Ability to distribute material with registration packet