# **Autonomous Maritime Vehicle Student Competition Workshop**

# On-site Attendance Porto University 11-13 April 2017

# Online attendance https://www.gotomeeting.com https://www.webex.com

10 April (evening): Icebreaker reception

#### 11 April (morning)

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Comparison of current competitions (Robosub, Roboboat, RobotX, SAUC-E, Eurathlon, Singapore, Japan, India, China, ...)
  - Goals (organizers, students, sponsors)
  - Rules and Tasks
  - Judging (static, in-water)
  - Logistics
  - Plans

#### 11 April (afternoon)

- (3) Categorize current competition tasks in terms of autonomy core competencies
- (4) Identify aspects of autonomy well-addressed and not well-addressed by current competitions
- (5) Define a set of benchmark tasks that could be used to normalize autonomy competitions (single vehicle, multiple vehicles).
- (6) Best Task Competition (one submission from each participant)

Group Dinner (Best Task award: rare bottle of Port)

#### 12 April (morning)

(7) Common static judging criteria (paper templates, hardware criteria, software criteria, website, video, ...)

- (8) Common in-water judging procedures (imbedding, qualifying, special awards)
- (9) Identify benchmark tasks that could serve as universal compulsory qualifying tests

#### 12 April (afternoon)

- (10) Venues (planned and potential)
- (11) Managing growth (regionals, connections between competitions, world cup)
- (12) Component support kits (engineering primers, hardware components, software libraries, archives)
- (13) Financial support and sponsorship (government, foundations, industry)
- 14) Statement and discussion of Committee Charter, membership
- (15) Wrap-up, action Items

# DRAFT Autonomous Maritime Vehicle Student Competition International Coordinating Committee Charter

Motivated by the global growth in autonomous maritime vehicle student competitions and their proven value in cultivating systems engineering and autonomy, the AMVSC International Coordinating Committee seeks to establish common elements of autonomy across the competitions, continuously evaluate state-of-the-art autonomous tasks for incorporation into future competitions, and sanction events as world-class qualifying.

#### **Participants**

Bill comment: We also need to consider the group dynamic a bit a mix of folks who lead competitions, those who compete, those who support and our links to the real world like the military, industry and academia. Not saying we have to have each but we should at least address these and know why we are including or excluding plus to what extent in our attempts to achieve a spectrum of goals. The students with their universities have wants and desires but so does ONR, SUT and OES as well as Kongsberg if they are indeed to be a long term sponsor. If we can even get that on paper and agreed upon we've made a great deal of progress... then we have a road map of sorts to setup the AUV challenges and remove ambiguities from competitions so we have a much better measure of how comparative any given vehicle is.

#### **Potential Participants**

#### David Lane

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#### Zoran Vukic

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#### Ivan Stenius

https://www.kth.se/profile/stenius/?l=en

#### Marc Carreras

http://eia.udg.es/~marcc/Marc\_Carreras/home.html

#### Venu Pallvil

http://arl.nus.edu.sg/twiki6/bin/view/ARL/VenugopalanPallayil

#### Gabriele Ferri

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gabriele\_Ferri organizer of the Eurathlon with

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#### Pere Ridao

http://eia.udg.es/~pere/Pere\_Ridao\_Home\_Page/CIRS.html

#### Neil Bose

http://www.utas.edu.au/profiles/staff/amc/neil-bose brings Society for Underwater Technology onboard but Richard is a panel member who could represent

#### Richard Mills

https://www.linkedin.com/in/richardmartinmills Kongsberg is looking at being a permanent sponsor for AUV Workshops and competitions if we stay relevant

#### Giancarlo Troni

http://www.ing.uc.cl/cuerpo-docente/troni-peralta/ Johns Hopkins PhD in Vision systems, studied under Louis Whitcomb – brilliant guy in Chile

#### Gerado Acosta

http://www.fio.unicen.edu.ar/usuario/ggacosta/ Not focused yet in AUVs but does control systems has links to Brazil also for us

Japanese?
South Korea?

South Noise

Russia?

Mandar? (Just taking on becoming the JOE Editor in Chief, so any long term input might be difficult.)

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