

13.30 - 15.00

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Agri-Food Robotics

Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge, 19-20 March 2020, Cambridge

19 March 2020 (9.00 – 22.00)				
09.00 – 10.00	Registration/Refreshments (LR4, Department of Engineering Foyer, Baker Building)			
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome Remarks, Tom Duckett (UoL) (LT1, Inglis Building, Ground Floor)			
10.15 – 11.15	lain Flint (G's Growers) 'Robotics and Horticulture - the Path to Farming 4.0'			
	Thomas Engel (John Deere) <i>Progress on autonomous vehicles from the machinery manufacturer's perspective'</i>			
11.15 – 12.15	Short presentations			
	Elizabeth Sklar (UoL), 'Shared Decision Making in Human-Robot Teams'			
	Grzegorz Cielniak (UoL), 'Crop/Weed Discrimination for Autonomous Weeding Robots'			
	Marc Hanheide (UoL), 'Robotics Solutions for strawberry harvesting'			
	Alexander Jones (UoC), 'High-resolution biosensors and actuators for plant hormone biology'			
12.15 – 14.00	Lunch and Poster Session (LR4)			
12.30 – 14.00	Robot Demonstrations (The OHMC)			
14.00 - 15.00	Short presentations			
	Halvard Grimstad (Saga Robotics) Thorvald - From research to commercial deployment'			
	Duncan Robertson (Dogtooth Technologies) 'Important challenges in commercial (as opposed to academic) Agri-Robotics'			
	Amelia Armour (Amadeus Capital Partners) 'Investing in robotics and automation'			
	Antonio D'Ammaro (Beko) 'Robots in the kitchen: from field to plate'			
15.00 – 15.30	Panel Discussion led by Dr Fumiya lida			
15.30 – 17.00	Refreshments (LR4)			
	Robot demonstrations (The OHMC, Inglis Building) Open to public			
17.00 - 18.00	Roland Siegwart (ETH) (LT1, possible LT2)			
	'Innovative Drones for Environmental and Agricultural Monitoring'			
	(Public Lecture within The Cambridge Science Week, includes Q&A session)			
18.30 – 22.00	Evening Reception + College Dinner (19.00 start – St Catharine's College)			
	20 March 2020 (9.00 - 15.00)			
07.30 – 09.00	Breakfast – St Catharine's College			
09.15 – 09.35	Tour of St Catharine's College with Craig Driver (optional)			
10.00 - 10.15	Welcome and Announcements, Fumiya Iida (LT1, Inglis Building, Ground Floor)			
10.00- 10.45	Short presentations			
	Graham Finlayson (UEA) 'Can spectra be measured with a conventional camera' Fulvio Forni (UoC), 'What is feedback control and what it can do in agriculture'			
	Helen Francis (UoC) 'Cambridge Industry collaboration'			
10.45 – 11.30	Refreshments + Networking (Teaching Room, Ground Floor, James Dyson Building)			
11.30 – 12.00	Chris Roberts (Cambridge Consultants) 'Commercial development of agri-food technology, including robotics and AI'			
12.00 – 12.30	<b>Discussion</b> : How to develop projects for different career paths led by Chris Roberts and Fumiya Iida			
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch (Teaching Room, Ground Floor, James Dyson Building)			

Robot demonstrations + Wrap-up (The OHMC, Inglis Building, Ground Floor)

## **ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

#### 19 March 2020

# **ROBOT DEMONSTRATIONS**

Observatory of Human-Machine Collaboration, Old Structures Building, Department of Engineering

19 March 2020, 12.30 – 14.00 (Conference attendees only)

19 March 2020, 15.30 – 17.00 (General public/Conference attendees)

20 March 2020, 13.30 – 15.00 (Conference attendees only)

#### **DEMONSTRATION**

Lettuce harvesting robot
Robotic omelette cooking
Robotic dishwasher loading
Flexible robotic manufacturing
Wrist-driven anthropomorphic robotic hand grasping
Robot scientist exploring shapes of falling papers

Robot scientist exploring shapes of falling papers Expressive piano playing robot

Robotic palpation learning

Mobile robots in extreme environments for disaster response Haptic-guided teleoperation for extreme environments

Control of flexible and modular robots

Soft capacitive sensing and soft hydraulic actuation

#### **PRESENTER**

Simon Birrell, Fumiya Iida

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Daren Wong, Ethan Nott, Fulvio Forni Lam Hearst, Tom Vinestock, Fulvio Forni

### POSTER SESSION

Lecture Theatre 4, Department of Engineering, Baker Building 19 March 2020, 12.15 – 17.00

## **POSTER**

Ripeness estimation of crops by touch

Lettuce leaf peeling robot

Robotic palpation

Optimising falling-paper shapes

Optimising tactile sensor morphology by using conductive

thermoplastic elastomer

Wrist driven passive adaptive hand grasping

Online learning to handle environmental noise in a lettuce picking

robot

Design and control of an expressive piano playing robot

Autonomous robotic dishwasher loading

Learning to walk in arbitrary morphologies

Chemical-free weeding

More will be added later

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# **CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

## 20 March 2020

## 12.30 -13.30 Advisory Board

Board Room, Baker Building 2 Floor

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#### 13.45 - 14.45 EDI Panel

Board Room, Baker Building 2 Floor

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