

International Workshop on Wearable Robotics

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Workshop Program

	Sunday, 14	Monday, 15	Tuesday, 16	Wednesday, 17	Thursday, 18
08.30 - 09.00		General Introduction and Opening session			
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10:30 - 11:00			Coffee Break	& Exhibitions	
11:00 - 13:00		Session 1.1	Session 2.1	Session 3.1	Session 4.1
13:00 - 14:30			Lur	nch	
14:30 - 16:00		Session 1.2: Neural Interfacing with WRs	Session 2.2: Design Challenges of WRs		Session 4.2: Advanced Control Methods for WRs
16:00 - 16:30		Poster Session, Co Exhibiti		Free Time	Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibitions
16:30 - 18:00		Session 1.2	Session 2.2		Session 4.2
20:00	Welcome cocktail			Gala dinner	

Monday, 15th Morning	Session 1.1: Clinical Application Scenarios for Wearable Robots (I) Session Chairs: J.L. Pons and M. Molinari
8:30 - 09:00	General Introduction and Opening session (J.L. Pons)
9:00 - 10:00	Joint SSNR and WeRob Plenary lecture: Prof. Y. Sankai and Demonstration of HAL
10:00 - 10:10	Demonstration Ekso Bionics™
10:10 - 10:30	Invited Talk: G. Francisco, H2 NeuroExo: A Clinical Study in Post-stroke Gait Rehabilitation
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break & Exhibitions
11:00 - 11:20	Invited Talk: Dr. A. Gil-Agudo, HNPT, Toledo, Spain
11:20 - 11:40	Invited Talk: Dr. M. Molinari, Fondazione Santa Luzia, Rome, Italy
11:40 - 13:00	Panel discussion "What can be learnt from past pilot clinical experience with WR for rehabilitation?" Participants: G. Francisco, A. Gil, Ekso Bionics, ReWalk, Rex Bionics.

Monday, 15th Afternoon	Session 1.2: Neural Interfacing with WRs Session Chairs: J. Del R. Millán and J.L. Contreras-Vidal
14:30 - 14:35	Introduction by Prof. J. Del R. Millán and Prof. J.L. Contreras-Vidal
14:35 - 14:55	Invited talk: Prof. Seong-Whan Lee, Korea University
14:55 - 15:15	Invited talk: Prof. Sankai, Tsukuba University and Cyberdyne, Japan*
15:15 - 15:35	Invited Talk: Prof. Jose Contreras-Vidal, University of Houston, TX
15:35 - 16:00	Invited Talk: Prof. D. Farina, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany
16:00 - 16:30	Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibitions
16:30 - 16:50	Invited Talk: Prof. J. del R. Millán, EPFL, Switzerland
16:50 - 17:10	Invited talk: Prof. J.M. Azorín, UMH, Spain, Neural interfacing in the Biomot EU project
17:10 - 17:20	Oral presentation: Atilla Kilicarslan, Robert G. Grossman and Jose Luis Contreras-Vidal, EEG-based Control of a Multi-Functional Lower-Body Exoskeleton for SCI Patients: Mobility, Brain Plasticity and Health Benefits.
17:20 - 17:30	Oral presentation: Stanisa Raspopovic, Francesco Maria Petrini, Jacopo Carpaneto and Silvestro Micera, Restoring the sensory feedback into the bidirectional prosthetic control
17:30 - 17:45	Concluding Remarks and Discussion
17:45 - 18:00	Demonstration of NeuroRex by Rex Bionics Ltd

ID	Poster session Monday, 15 th Afternoon 16:00 - 16:30
P0-1	Alexandre Verney, Boris Moriniere, Neil Abroug, Philippe Garrec, Catherine Bidard, Yann Perrot, Andriy Yelisyeyev, Tetiana Aksenova, Serpil Cokgungor, Jérémy Pradal, Napoleon Torres-Martinez, Thomas Costecalde, Michael Foerster, Fabien Sauter, David Ratel, Guillaume Charvet, Corinne Mestais and Alim-Louis Benabid. "CLINATEC BCI platform: Controlling EMY exoskeleton by the mean of ECoG-recording implants WIMAGINE"
PO-2	Basilio Lenzo, Alessandro Filippeschi, Emanuele Ruffaldi, Antonio Frisoli, Fabio Salsedo and Massimo Bergamasco. "ALEx, a new exoskeleton for power assist and motor learning"
PO-3	Thomas Bulea, Diane Damiano and Hyung-Soon Park. "Cortical Activity during Walking: Developing Brain Machine Interfacing Targets for Neurorehabilitation"
PO-4	David Jose Ramirez Arroyo and Arys Carrasquilla Batista. "Servo Control Device for Quadraplegic Wheelchair Activated by Neural Signal"
PO-5	Kai Henning Koch and Katja Mombaur. "ExoOpt - a tool for evaluating exoskeleton designs using model-based optimization"
PO-6	Magdo Bortole, Fangshi Zhu, Anusha Venkatakrishnan, Zachary Hernandez, José Luis Pons and José Luis Contreras-Vidal. "H2 NeuroExo: Integration of the H2 Lower Body Powered Exoskeleton and Mobile Brain Monitoring to Improve Gait Rehabilitation"
PO-7	Louis Flynn, Francesco Giovacchini, Luka Ambrozic, Maja Gorsic, Marko Munih, Virginia Ruiz-Garate, Jean-François Collard, Renaud Ronsse, Raffaele Molino-Lova, Federica Vannetti, Joost Geeroms, Rene Jimenez-Fabian, Bram Vanderborght, Dirk Lefeber and Nicola Vitiello. "Introduction to CYBERLEGs: Hardware and Control"
PO-8	Josep María Font-Llagunes, Urbano Lugrís, Francisco Romero, Daniel Clos, Francisco Javier Alonso and Javier Cuadrado. "Design of a Patient-Tailored Active Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis to Assist the Gait of Spinal Cord Injured Subjects"
PO-9	Eloy Urendes Jimenez, Guillermo Asín Prieto, María Gómez Jiménez, Ramón Ceres Ruiz and José L. Pons. "An integrated lower limb exoskeleton and body weight support system: design and implementation"
PO-10	Maria Gomez, Cristina Lopez de Subijana, Eloy Urendes and Enrique Navarro. "Validation of a Marker Model for Gait Analysis with Wearable Exoskeletons"
PO-11	Gurvinder Virk, Usman Haider, I Nyoman Indrawibawa, Rakesh Krishnan and Nauman Masud. "EXO-LEGS for the Future Ageing Society"
PO-12	Conor Walsh. "Mobility Enhancing Soft Exosuits"
PO-13	Philippe Garrec. "Mechanical design optimization to improve force transfer in electrically actuated exoskeleton"

Tuesday, 16th Morning	Session 2.1: Benchmarking, Regulatory and Funding aspects of WRs Session Chairs: J. Veneman and D. Torricelli
9:00 - 9:20	Dr. J. Veneman, Tecnalia, Spain. Title: "Benchmarking of bipedal functions in humanoids, exoskeletons and humans"
9:20 - 9:40	Mr. F. Thorsteinsson, Ossur, Iceland. Title: "Standards and regulations for prosthetics"
9:40 - 10:00	Prof. G. Virk, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden. Title: "Safety requirements for wearable robots"
10:00 - 10:20	Prof. R. Riener, ETH Zurich, Switzerland. Title: "The Cybathlon: A Competition that Promotes the Development of Assistive Devices"
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break & Exhibitions
11:00 - 11:20	Daofen Chen, Program Manager NINDS-NIH, Title: "Funding aspects in Wearable robots"
11:20 - 12:00	 Presentations from ongoing EU projects: Diego Torricelli (H2R project). Title "A translational approach for benchmarking human-like locomotion" Alexander Schubert (Koroibot project). Title "Key performance indicators for humanoid walking motions defined in the KoroiBot project" Antonio del Ama (Biomot project). Title "A general framework for establishing benchmarks of wearable lower limb robots"
12:00 - 12:45	Panel discussion chaired by: J. Veneman and D. Torricelli. Participants: F. Thorsteinsson, G. Virk, R. Riener, D. Chen
12:45 - 13:00	Demonstration CSIC-Technaid S.L., H2 exoskeleton, Prof. J.L. Pons and J.O. Roa

Tuesday, 16th Afternoon	Session 2.2: Design Challenges of Wearable Robots Session Chairs: H. Van der Kooij and J. González
14:30 - 14:40	Introduction by Prof. H. Van der Kooij and Dr. J. González
14:40 - 15:00	Prof. H. van der Kooij, University of Twente, The Netherlands*
15:00 - 15:10	European Project Symbitron**
15:10 - 15:30	Dr. Philippe Garrec, CEA LIST, France*
15:30 - 15:40	European Project Balance**
15:40 - 16:00	Prof. R. Riener, ETH, Zurich, Switzerland*
16:00 - 16:30	Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibitions
16:30 - 16:50	Prof. D. Lefeber, VUB, Belgium*
16:50 - 17:10	Oral presentation: Joost Geeroms, Louis Flynn, Rene Jimenez-Fabian, Bram Vanderborght and Dirk Lefeber, "Overview of the design and operating principles of the CYBERLEGs alpha and beta prostheses"

17:10 - 17:30	Prof. C. Walsh, Harvard, USA*
17:30 - 17:45	Concluding Remarks and Discussion
17:45 - 18:00	Demonstration CEA ABLE arm, Alexandre Verney

^{*}Each speaker will have 15min to make their presentation and 5min for questions.

** European projects will have 10minutes for presenting. This short presentation should be to raise awareness about the project and the work that is being done in the context of design challenges. Therefore it should be very general.

ID	Poster session Tuesday, 16th Afternoon 16:00 - 16:30
PO-14	Joan Lobo-Prat, Alje G. Dunning, Mariska M. H. P. Janssen, Arjen Bergsma and Peter N. Kooren. "Flextension A-Gear: Progress of Developing a Natural Arm Support for Duchenne Patients"
PO-15	Seungnam Yu, Changsoo Han and Ilje Cho. "Proposal of a Simple Structure for the Wearable Robot System Dedicated to the Backpack Carrying Task"
PO-16	Daegeun Park, Dae-Young Lee, Hyunki In and Kyu-Jin Cho. "Wearable Passive Arm Weight Bearing Device to assist people with disability using Permanent Magnets"
PO-17	Álvaro Costa, Eduardo Iáñez, Andrés Úbeda, Daniel Planelles, Enrique Hortal and Jose M. Azorin. "Frequency and Number of Neighbors Study for Attention Level Classification Using EEG Signals"
PO-18	No-Sang Kwak, Klaus-Robert Müller and Seong-Whan Lee. "Wearable Lower Limb Exoskeleton Control based on SSVEP"
PO-19	Kevin Hollander, Jeffrey Ward and Thomas Sugar. "Comparison of Exoskeleton Ankle Assistance to Downhill Walking Energetics and Biomechanics"
PO-20	Vijaykumar Rajasekaran, Joan Aranda and Alicia Casals. "Interaction based adaptive walking using a wearable exoskeleton"
PO-21	Svetlana Grosu, Carlos Rodriguez-Guerrero, Victor Grosu, Bram Vanderborght and Dirk Lefeber. "Friction Identification of Cable-Conduit Actuation System for Exoskeleton Orthoses"
PO-22	Francisco Resquin, Fernando Brunetti, Jaime Ibáñez, Aikaterini Koutsou and José Luis Pons. "Upper Limb Hybrid Control Architecture implemented in the Framework of the HYPER Project"
PO-23	Guillermo Asín Prieto, Eloy J. Urendes, Juan A. Gallego, Juan C. Moreno and José L. Pons "Monitoring stability of gait on exoskeletons based on proprioceptive information"
PO-24	Masashi Sekine, Jacobo Fernandez-Vargas, Natsuki Hayata, Nthatheni Norman Nelufule and Wenwei Yu. "A Hybrid Lightweight Shoulder Prosthesis with an Antagonistic Mechanism by Pneumatic Elastic Actuators"
PO-25	Bumkee Lee, Seung-Keun Ahn and Dohyung Lim. Evaluation of Potential Feasibility of Use of New Moving System developed for Rehabilitation Gait Training Assistance

Wed, 17th Morning	Session 3.1: Clinical Application Scenarios for Wearable Robots (II) Session Chairs: M. Molinari, J. López-Coronado and J.L. Pons
9:00 -9:05	Introduction by M. Molinari and J.L. Pons
9:05 - 9:30	Invited talk: Prof. A. Esquenazi, John Otto Haas Chair and Professor Department of PM&R & Chief Medical Officer, MossRehab
9:30 - 09:50	Invited Talk: Prof. Z. Rymer, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
09:50 - 10:10	Invited Talk: Prof. V. Dietz, Balgrist University Hospital, Zurich, Switzerland
10:10 - 10:30	Oral presentation: Arun Jayaraman, Hideaki Takahashi, Chaitanya Mummidisetty and William Rymer, Randomized Control Trial Comparing Walking Task Specific Training with Stride Management Assist (SMA) Device vs. Functional Task Specific training on Functional Walking Ability in Outpatient Stroke Rehabilitation
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break & Exhibitions
11:00 - 11:25	Oral presentation: Jane Nitschke and Klaus Röhl, Comparison of the therapy with the Exoskelettons Rewalk, Ekso and HAL
11:25 - 11:45	Oral presentation: Heidi Witteveen, Edwin van Asseldonk and Herman van der Kooij, Sensory Substitution to Enhance Balance in Wearable Exoskeletons
11:45 - 12:30	Panel discussion "Application Scenarios and clinical challenges in a roadmap for rehabilitation with WR", chaired by M. Molinari and J.L. Pons. Participants: A. Esquenazi, Z. Rymer, V. Dietz, J. Nitschke
12:30 - 12:45	Demonstration: Honda Exoskeleton
12:45 - 13:00	Demonstration: "Bidirectional hand prosthesis that restores the feelings to user". Stanisa Raspopovic, EPFL.

Thurs, 18th Morning	Session 4.1: Translational and Industrial/Market Challenges/Opportunities Session Chairs: F. Thorsteinsson, R. Raya
9:00 - 9:10	Introduction by Mr, Thorsteinsson and Dr. R. Raya
9:10 - 9:40	Mr. M. Oddsson (Ossur, Iceland) - "Power Knee – from concept to commercial product"
9:40 - 10:10	Dr. D. Gaebler (RIC, Chicago) - "Robots to the Rescue. Assisting Evaluation and Treatment Outcomes"
10:10 - 10:30	Amitt Goffer – "Wearable Exoskeletons: Limitations and Challenges"
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break & Exhibitions
11:00 - 11:15	Demonstration ReWalk exoskeleton - Amitt Goffer
11:15 - 11:35	Mr. R. Csuhaj (Brain Products, Germany) - "How a research idea can become a product - example of Brain Products' actiCAP Xpress"

11:35 - 11:55	Mr. A. Espinosa (GTEC, Austria) - "BCI applications on the international market"
11:55 - 12:15	Silvia Rohner, Alejandro Melendez Calderon and Ingo Kirchoff. "Industrial design requirements for wearable robots – recomendations from EXO-Legs consortium"
12:15 - 12:35	Dr. E. Rocon (CSIC, Spain) - "CP Walker Robotic Platform for Gait Rehabilitation and Training in Patients with CP"
12:35 - 12:55	José L. Pons (CSIC, Spain) - "Pediatric exoskeletons"
12:55 - 13:00	Concluding Remarks and Discussion

Thurs, 18th Afternoon	Session 4.2: International consensus on Advanced Control Methods for Wearable robots Session Chairs: N. Vitiello and J. Moreno
14:30 - 14:40	Introduction by N. Vitiello and J.C. Moreno
14:40 - 15:00	Invited talk #1, D. Reinkensmeyer, UC Irvine – "Strategies for maximizing latent control of wearable robots"
15:00 - 15:20	Invited talk #2, T. Boaventura, J. Buchli, ETH Zürich – "Floating base rigid body inverse dynamics for transparent behaviour in exoskeletons"
15:20 - 15:40	Invited talk #3, K. Ohno, S. Shimoda, RIKEN, Behavior coordination between human and prosthetic devices
15:40 - 16:00	Invited talk #4, G. Virk, KTH Royal Inst of Tech, EXO-LEGS Project
16:00 - 16:30	Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibitions
16:30 - 16:50	Invited talk #5, J.C. Moreno, CSIC, BioMot project
16:50 - 17:10	Invited talk #6, N. Vitiello, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, CYBERLEGS Project
17:10 - 17:30	Discussion chaired by N. Vitiello and J.C. Moreno
17:30 - 17:45	Conclusions, N. Vitiello, J.C. Moreno
17:45 - 18:00	Demonstration ALEX exoskeleton

ID	Poster session Thursday, 18 th Afternoon 16:00 - 16:30
PO-27	Jing Ye, Yo Kobayashi and Masakatsu G. Fujie. "Gait Phase Estimation Based on a Pelvis Assist Robot for Gait Rehabilitation of Hemiplegic Stroke Survivors"
PO-28	Cory Meijneke, Wietse van Dijk and Herman van der Kooij. "Regulating Support Torque around the Ankle during Walking with the Achilles Exoskeleton"
PO-29	Virginia Ruiz Garate, Jean-Francois Collard and Renaud Ronsse. "Bio-inspired Model for Walking Assistance"
PO-30	Wansoo Kim, Heedon Lee, Donghwan Lim, Jungsoo Han and Changsoo Han. "Development of the Hanyang Exoskeleton Assistive Robot (HEXAR) to Enhance Lower Body Strength"
PO-31	Florin Dzeladini, Andrew Pennycott, Etienne Burdet and Auke Ijspeert. "Benefits of a Neuromuscular Model for Symbiotic Man-Machine Exoskeleton Control Accounting for Patient Impairment Specificity"
PO-32	Haoyong Yu, Gong Chen, Zhao Guo and Wei Shen Wong. "Design and Evaluation a Novel Portable Knee–Ankle-Foot Robot"
PO-33	Michael Tucker, Olivier Lambercy and Roger Gassert. "A Remotely Actuated Knee Perturbator for Human Knee Impedance Estimation"
PO-34	Branko Brackx, Victor Grosu, Carlos Guerrero, Bram Vanderborght and Dirk Lefeber. "ALTACRO: Design of the Gait Rehabilitation Robot"
PO-35	Hyun-Dae Yang, Jun-Young Jung and Hyun-Sub Park. "Design of the Size Adjustment Process-less Lower Limb Exoskeleton Robot For the Stroke"
PO-36	Jong-Won Lee, Hyo-Gon Kim, Jaeho Jang, Hyun-Sub Park and Sangdeok Park, Human Behavior Inspired Control Strategy for Lower Extremity Exoskeleton
PO-37	Ana Cecilia Villa Parra, Denis Delisle Rodríguez, Leonardo Broche-Vázquez, Teodiano Bastos-Filho, Roberto Sagaró and Anselmo Frizera-Neto, Proposal of an Assisted- Motion System for Gait Rehabilitation
PO-38	Keun-Tae Kim, Atilla Kilicarslan, Jose L. Contreras-Vidal and Seong-Whan Lee, Classification of Left and Right Leg Movement Intentions using EEG Signals from Subjects using a Lower Body Exoskeleton
PO-39	Bongsu Kim and Ashish Deshipande. "Mechanical Design of A Wearable Robot for Upper Body Rehabilitation"
PO-40	Thomas Sugar and Jason Kerestes. "Developing Exoskeletons to Enhance Running Speed"