



Speech of Robot-CH for Eurobot and More

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Monsieur le Président du Grand Conseil, Madame la Présidente du Conseil Communal de Grandson, Monsieur le syndic (« *Maire* », « *Mayor* ») d'Yverdon-les-Bains, Monsieur le Municipal de Moudon, Madame la Directrice, Messieurs et mesdames les représentants des autorités locales et régionales, Messieurs les invités, Mesdames et Messieurs, Chers membres des équipes et amis de la robotique, Bonjour !

Herzlichste Grüsse an unseren Freunden von der deutschsprachigen Schweiz!

Hello also to all of you, dear friends of robotics, who do not speak French or German.

We shall have now **several communications**, in the name, and with the partnership of several key cooperating entities.

First, **in the name of Robot-CH**, the Swiss Association for promotion of robotics in Switzerland, I would just briefly summarize my talk of last Friday: 10th edition Jubilee of SwissEurobot Cup at Yverdon-les-Bains. Thanks to the Town of Yverdon, the School of Business and Engineering of State of Vaud, as well to other local structures and contributors.

Now, **in the name of Eurobot**, in particular its president Jean-Pierre Ledey, who could not be here today, and more generally for the association and the overall Eurobot community I present you the following messages:

-Eurobot Competitions is a fantastic initiative in particular for education, and fun and involves the design renewed every year of dextrous autonomous robots. This is the 18th edition of Eurobot international finals, for the 3rd time in Switzerland, and the 2nd at Yverdon-les-Bains. This year, we have, 42 teams, coming from 20 countries! Special feature this year is a synergy with numerous other local events, technology and sciences, economy, culture, youth and outreach, all this united in the Robots:15 Robotics Festival.

-This hosting of Eurobot and the Festival of Robots has been made possible by the strong commitment in particular of two institutions : the Town of

Yverdon-les-Bains, and the School of Engineering of the state of Vaud, whom we warmly thank.

- So I am now calling Mr. Jean-Daniel Carrard, Mayor of the town for a kind speech of the local authorities, and he will be followed by a word of Ms Gillardin , a member of the Direction of HEIG-VD.

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-Talking still for Eurobot and addressing myself to the teams and other Eurobot stakeholders ,

- I can announce that Eurobot 2016 will probably be held in France. The bidding process is still open for other countries to apply.

- The rules will be “The Beach Bots”, and should be published as usual in September.

- I must unfortunately add that Eurobot is flying though strong turbulences, and with the recent withdrawal of la Ferté Bernard, the French pillar for the organization management of Eurobot in France is Planètes Sciences. Thanks a lot to La Ferté Bernard, who did so much for us through the years, and to Planètes science for its renewed commitment.

Talking of turbulences, chances are estimated today to be only 80 % that Eurobot Finals will be in France next year.

- I now will speak **in the name of Robot-Int**, the Robotics-International Initiative to promote robotics.

The Robot-Int can be traced back to 2012; it was formally established last year (2014) in Dresden; was notably strengthened, with further meetings and official signatures, here in Yverdon-les-Bains, these days, and it has further plans ahead.

- Essentially , Robot-Int aims at :

- extending thematic scope with for example conferences, certification processes, types of competitions, etc.

- and also extending geographic scope beyond Europe. 12 countries have now signed the charter.

In particular for the competition, a subcommittee has been formed and we are committed to kind of guarantee European Finals of dexterous autonomous robots, even for the 20% probable case where Eurobot could not finally do it.

- **Coming back to my Eurobot role**, I would like now to make 2 pictures.

The first one is to recognize all the volunteers who have made this event possible. And for this purpose, I am calling all of them on the scene. (Fig.1).



Fig.1 Some of the volunteers for Eurobot and Robots15 event

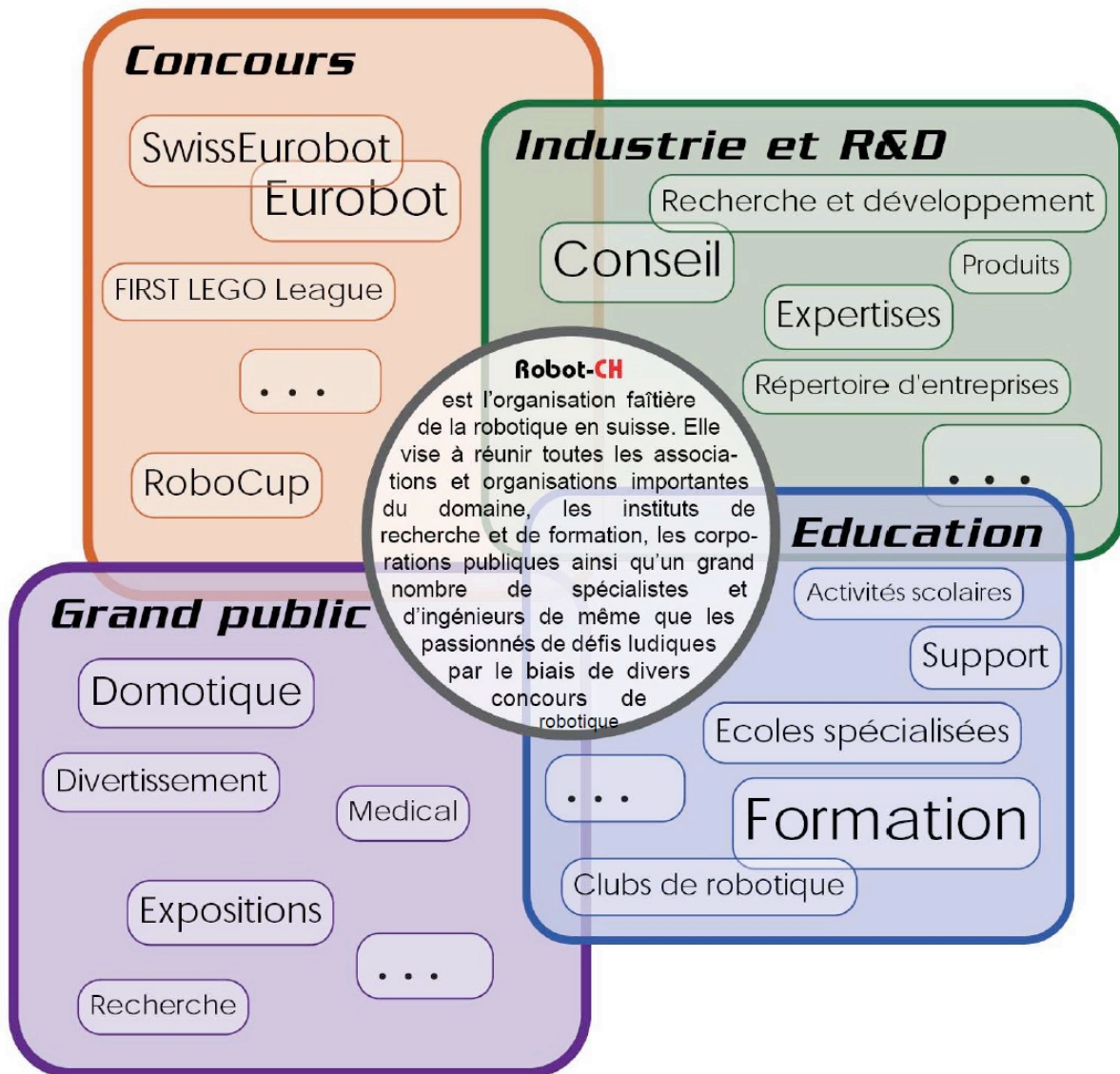
The second picture is meant to recognize the other people who have gone beyond their usual contract obligations in order also, to support the event(Fig.2).



Fig.2 Some of the supporters for Eurobot and Robots15 event

And then will be the finals
Thanks for your attention.

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