



## IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Distinguished Lecturer Program

The Distinguished Lecturer Program promotes the field of Robotics and Automation to the broad engineering community and to the public at large. Twenty-Four DLs are appointed, eight per geographic region (Asian and Pacific, Europe, Americas).

Distinguished Lecturers are proposed by the TAB and appointed by the RAS President Elect and serve for a two (2) year term, renewable only in cases of exceptional performance. A budget is available to support air transport when DLs arrange speaking engagements with local IEEE Chapters (and local chapters provide all local expenses).

### Duties of a Distinguished Lecturer

1. Serve as an Ambassador for the RAS, promoting the field of R&A
2. Arrange and Present at least 1 Public Lecture per year (*Public Lectures are aimed at non-specialists, and can be given in high-schools, senior citizens homes, science fairs, science museums, etc., ideally DLs will present several such talks per year*)
3. Present other lectures, for example, to local IEEE Chapters
4. Attend annual Young Professionals Lunch at ICRA
5. Respond to Press Inquiries
6. Interact with relevant RAS Technical Committees
7. Encourage young students and RAS membership
8. Promptly submit semi-annual reports to VPTA on lectures given

*Term:* DLs are appointed for 2-year terms in parallel with RAS Officers.

### Criteria for appointment

- Distinguished Lecturers should have an established reputation for outstanding research and/or teaching
- Appointees must be willing and able to present several DL lectures per calendar year outside their home city.
- Appointments will reflect the geographical distribution of RAS members

### Appointment Process

- A call for nominations for new Distinguished Lecturers is sent to the

Technical Activities Board, all Technical Committee Co-chairs and current DLs.

- A list of nominees is submitted to the executive officers and AdCom for review.
- The VP TA sends each nominee a description of DL responsibilities and confirms that he/she is willing to serve
- The VP TA submits the list of finalists to the RAS president, who asks the AdCom for final approval.

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