Member Activities Report
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Member Activities Board
Outline

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- Membership Committee Activities
- Educational Committee Activities
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RAS Membership
(September 2003)

- USA: 2989
- Europe: 1211
- Canada: 297
- Asia Pacific: 1252
- Latin America: 332
RAS Chapter
Geographical Distribution

• **North America (9):** Orlando, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, Princeton, New England, E. No. Carolina, Galveston Bay, S. Alberta, Binghamton

• **South America (2):** Argentina, Chile

• **Europe (9):** Italy, Germany, France, Poland, Croatia, Hungary, Denmark, Turkey, United Kingdom & Republic of Ireland

• **Asia (5):** Hong Kong, Japan, Seoul, Singapore, Taipei

• **Africa (1):** Nigeria

• **Australia (1):** Queensland
Membership Committee Activities

- Developed Web site
- Acquired survey of members satisfaction
- Planned analysis of membership data to be provided as input to the new RAS board
Educational Committee Activities

- Graduate School in Robotics
- Organized special session at ICRA03 and ICRA04 (proposed) on robotics education, for undergraduate students
- Supported development of Nigeria Chapter
- Discussion with Publication Committee on RAS books
International Committee Activities

- Chapter activities
  - Distinguished Lecturer Program
- Visibility
  - Chapter News in RAS Magazine
  - Link to Chapter Home Page from RAS WEB
- Chapter of The Year Award
International Committee Activities

IEEE

TAB

Society

RAB

Region 1

Region i

Region 10

A Section

B Section

X Section

Society Chapter

Encourage RAS chapter creation
Relation between RAS & RAS chapters

Student Branch

Student Branch Chapter
Summary of Activities

• Developed Web site
• Supported new chapter formation
• Planned publications
• Reach out to members
Recommendations (1)

Develop a matrix structure of Chapter organization
Recommendations (2)

Support outreach with the following actions:

1. Census of existing Chapters (to be completed by 12/03)
2. Encourage creation of new Chapters
3. Provide support to Chapters:
   - Step 1: offering DLP, jointly with RAS-TAB in the form of 2~3 day courses and meetings with local (potential) members
   - Step 2: monitoring progress and supporting chapters and their technical development (web, donation of RAS publications, etc.)
   - Step 3: chapter of the year award (taking into account local conditions), resulting in invitations to conferences, AdCom meetings, etc.,
Conclusions

Membership activities are fundamental to RAS health and growth.

We should start a reorganization of MAB activities (similar to TAB’s TC) to interact more effectively with Members.

We should identify services and activities that would overcome Members’ criticisms in the last Survey.