Georges Giralt Symposium
LAAS - CNRS, Toulouse
October 28, 2013
(Preliminary Program)

Georges Giralt (1930-2013) was a co-founder and influential leader of LAAS-CNRS. His early works in Electronics and Automatic Control started a strong avenue of research that shaped LAAS-CNRS activities. In the mid-seventies, he initiated with HILARE the adventure of mobile robotics in Europe and pioneered a new scientific era. He is widely remembered as a passionate and inspiring leader, as well as a dedicated community builder.

As a tribute to Georges Giralt’s heritage and visionary outlook, LAAS-CNRS is organizing a scientific symposium gathering distinguished invited speakers that will cover several research topics that are part of the current research areas at LAAS. This day will conclude with a Panel honoring Georges’ memory, followed by a ceremony dedicating the building hosting the ADREAM project to Georges Giralt.

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9:00 Welcome address, LAAS Director
9:15 Outline of demonstrations and posters

Invited talks: Visions & Perspectives

9:30 Robert Austin, Princeton University, US
Nano and Biotechnologies

10:15 Coffee break, demonstrations and posters

10:45 Karl Johan Åström, University of Lund, Sweden
Controls - Perspective

11:30 Francis Bach, Inria, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France
Big Learning: New Challenges and Opportunities

12:15 Lunch break, demonstrations and posters

14:00 Marc-Olivier Gewaltig, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland
Neurorobotics in the Human Brain Project

14:45 Paolo Dario, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy
The Robot Companion

15:30 Coffee break, demonstrations and posters

Georges Giralt’s Legacy

17:00 Panel
Daniel Estève, LAAS-CNRS (moderator)
Philippe Bidaud, ONERA
Raja Chatila, INS2I - CNRS
Michel Combarnous, University of Bordeaux
Bernard Espiau, Inria
Oussama Khatib, Stanford University
Jean-Louis Lacombe, IFFRES
Michel Maurette, CNES

18:00 Ceremony at the "Georges Giralt Building" at LAAS

18:15 Cocktail