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2015 Guido Dorso Award presented to Bruno Siciliano, RAS Past President

The 36th edition of the "**Guido Dorso Award**" was presented to **Bruno Siciliano** on **15 October 2015** in a ceremony held at the Senate of the Republic in Rome by the Rector of University of Naples Federico II. Every year, the Guido Dorso

Award recognizes fellows who have contributed their work to support the needs of development and progress of Southern Italy. Siciliano received the award for the section "University". Distinguished fellows from the political, economic and cultural world received the award in the past years,

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Fifty-six year old, professor of Control and Robotics at University of Naples Federico II and Coordinator of the Programme in Automation Engineering, Bruno Siciliano is the scientific director of PRISMA Lab, the Laboratory of Projects for Industrial and Service Robotics, Mechatronics and Automation in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology.

Professor Siciliano coordinates a staff of 25 researchers including junior faculty, fellows, graduate students and post-docs from four continents. His group has participated in 15 projects financed by the European Union for a total funding of 8.5 million euro in the last 8 years. He has held representative positions within professional societies, including **President of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society for 2008-2009**. Professor Siciliano is the only European to be a Fellow of the three most important scientific associations in the sector of automation (IEEE, ASME and IFAC) and has received numerous awards at national and international levels.

His research interests are in force control, visual control, bimanual manipulation, aerial robotics, coexistence between robots and humans, and service robotics. He has published 300 articles in journals and conference papers and 7 books on robotics; his book *Robotics: Modelling, Planning and Control* is one of the most adopted texts in the universities around the world and has been translated into Italian, Chinese and Greek. He is Co-Editor of the *Springer Handbook of Robotics*, which was awarded the highest award for scientific publishing: 2008 AAP PROSE Award for Excellence in Physical Sciences & Mathematics, and Award for Engineering & Technology. He has held 20 plenary lectures at international conferences and more than 100 invited seminars at foreign institutions, and has carried out an intense publishing activity.

Equally intense has been his activity to disseminate robotics and science to the general public. The results of his research have earned him numerous awards and hundreds of articles in national and foreign newspapers and magazines, as well as many appearances on radio and TV.

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