

2010 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference & Exhibition

After Action Review

Comments

- Held at Doral Resort in Miami 16-18 March
- 295 paying attendees + 38 exhibiting companies
- Survey Results: More detail at http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=Sys807YtcpxusEORnMYZ8oa2_2bZLZJjDpJTb7abBhEgo_3d
 - ✓ 56 responded: 22 Gov't, 28 Industry, 6 other
 - ✓ 75% rated presentations as good or excellent
 - ✓ Warfighter panel rated the best
 - ✓ Industry panel rated the worst
 - ✓ 87% felt the conference met their expectations
 - ✓ Presentations need to focus on current deficiencies and also future applications
 - ✓ Robot demos need to be more challenging
 - ✓ 71% stated they would attend in 2011, 29% "maybe"
 - ✓ San Diego favored for future

Survey Recommendations

- Could have used an in depth look at how the current robots are deficient and what the users would change immediately if given opportunity
- DULL presentations - the same people discussing the same things. So many amazing developments are emerging in robotics...so many future applications are needed, but so few discussed
- Let's attack something - enable something...not just sit and listen to panelists spout commercials for 15 minutes
- I would like to hear more from the advanced research and development laboratories
- Robot Demos
 - Restrict operators to non-line-of-sight control
 - More challenging tasks. I'd like to see what operators can barely do
 - Improve the terrain - lay gravel or bricks, place obstacles, obscure the operator's view of the robot
 - Use different platforms - I think we're tired of seeing EOD robot competitions
 - Demonstrations of the larger robots
 - Change up the course from year to year

- **Loews Royal Pacific** (Orlando) selected for 22-24 March
 - Other choices had exhibits separated from general session in separate buildings
 - Next to Universal Orlando
 - 10 minute walk OR boat ride to City Walk with many restaurants and other activities
 - Access to Universal Studios with new Harry Potter park



- Conducting site visits on 29 June – 1 July
 - New Orleans
 - Hilton Riverside: 13-15 March
 - Phoenix
 - Arizona Grand: 3-5 March
 - San Diego
 - Sheraton: 13-15 March
 - Omni Hotel: 22-24 February
(across the street from conference
in the San Diego Convention Center)

