GOLD COAST TOURISM SECURES INTERNATIONAL ROBOTICS FORUM

The advent of robotic transportation on land, sea and air may not be as far away as it seems. This proposition, plus many other cutting-edge technologies will be the focal point of two international symposia to be held on Australia’s Gold Coast this week.

A delegation of more than 300 of the world’s most astute engineering minds will present, discuss and develop high-tech initiatives within the field of vehicle automation and control, with an overriding goal of integrating commercial applications and exploring avenues for future research.

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“This is all about reputation building and it’s extremely rewarding to see the Gold Coast at the forefront of such important rapid advancements within the technological sector,” said Mr Winter.

“Key industry events such as these bring together the most prominent and distinguished leaders within their field and with the City playing host it creates exciting opportunities to promote future engagement and investment into the Gold Coast.

“As Professor Vlacic has proved, the Gold Coast Business Events Ambassador Program has the potential to deliver significant benefits to the city. The symposia will deliver in excess of $600,000 to the local economy and will significantly contribute to the Gold Coast’s burgeoning ‘smart city’ reputation,” said Mr Winter.
The International Federation of Automatic Control’s Symposium on Intelligent Autonomous Vehicles (IFAC-IAV 2013) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers’ Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IEEE-IV’13) will run back-to-back from Sunday 23 June to Friday 28 June, 2013 at Sofitel Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast Business Events Ambassador Program
The Gold Coast Business Events Ambassador Program is an initiative of Gold Coast Tourism and aims to unite a group of influential leaders from key local industries who are passionate about promoting the Gold Coast to the rest of the world and committed to bringing congresses, conferences and corporate meetings to the City.

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Professor Vlacic is Director of the Intelligent Control Systems Laboratory, a part of Griffith University’s Science, Environment, Engineering & Technology Group. He is General Chair of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers - Intelligent Vehicles Symposium 2013 (IEEE – IV 2013) as well as General Chair of the International Federation of Automatic Control - Intelligent Autonomous Vehicles Symposium 2013 (IFAC-IAV2013). It is for the very first time, since their inception, that these two premier conferences will be held back-to-back, and in Australia. Both symposia will be held on the Gold Coast in June 2013.

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