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## TECHNION'S **WORLD** OF ROBOTIC **SYSTEMS**

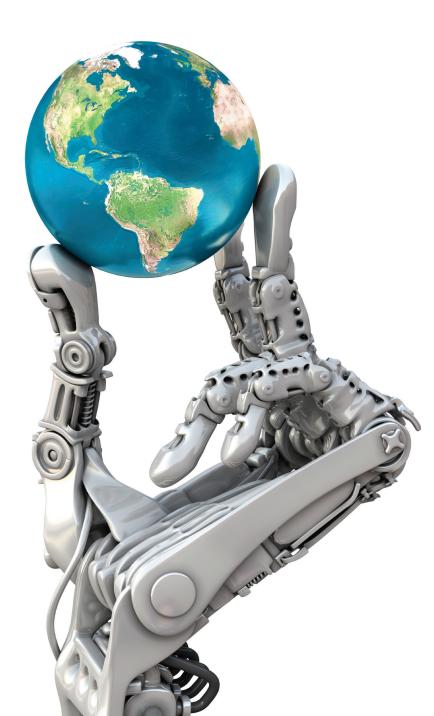
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# WORLD of ROBOTIC SYSTEMS

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## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN THE

New England Region American Technion Society for a special evening at our 2013 Annual Event

Wednesday October 23, 2013 6:00 – 9:30 pm

Honoring Our Past Alumni Presidents

## **LOCATION**

The Westin Waltham Hotel 70 Third Avenue Waltham, MA 02451

## **EVENT CO-CHAIRS**

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One of the world's foremost experts in aerospace engineering, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Danny Weihs of the Technion Faculty of Aerospace Engineering holds the Louis and Lyra Richmond Chair in Life Sciences. He is the Chairman of the Israel National Committee for Space Research and of the Israel Interuniversity Institute for Marine Research. He is the founding head of the Technion Autonomous Systems Program (TASP), focused on the development of advanced unmanned systems and robotics. He recently served as the Chief Scientist of the Israel Ministry of Science & Technology.

In the Learning from Nature Lab that he heads in the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering, Prof. Weihs uses his unique talent for finding elegant ways for the natural world to meet high technology. For example, he developed nano-sized "parachutes" that can detect toxins in the air, which were depicted on the postage stamp commemorating the Technion's 100th anniversary.

Prof. Weihs received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the Technion. A member of the Technion faculty since 1973, Prof. Weihs has also served as provost, dean of the graduate school and of the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering, director of the Samuel Neaman Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology and director of the Norman and Helen Asher Space Research Institute.

## **Technion Achievements: A Historic Timeline**

- 1912 Laying of the first Technion cornerstone.
- 1924 The Technion opens with courses in Civil Engineering and Architecture.
- $1948-\,$  More than 650 Technion students fought in the War of Independence.
- 1964 Construction of Israel's National Water Carrier is completed, engineered primarily by Technion graduates.
- 1971 The Technion opens the Rappaport Faculty of Medicine in conjunction with Rambam Hospital.
- 1980 The Technion establishes The Faculty of Computer Science, which would become the largest in the Western world.
- 1999 The first human stem cells are cultured and isolated by a Technion professor together with a team of international scientists.
- 2004 Nobel Prize in Chemistry (first Nobel prize awarded in science in Israel) awarded to Technion Faculty of Medicine Profs. Avram Hershko and Aaron Ciechanover for their research on human protein degradation, leading to the creation of cancer-treating drugs.
- 2006 The FDA approves Azilect, a powerful Parkinson's drug first developed at the Technion, by Professor Moussa Youdim.
- 2011 Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to Distinguished Professor Dan Shechtman for his discovery of quasicrystals.
- 2012 Google will be the interim home of the Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute (TCII) and the Cornell NYC Tech Campus.
- 2013 The Technion opens its new Sarona Campus in Tel-Aviv.
  The first occupant is the Technion's Start-uP
  International MBA Program.

## **Breaking News From Technion**

- Sleep Apnea May Offer Unusual Protection for Heart Attack Patients
- Amniotic Sac Membrane Could be Source for Human Eggs
- > Holographic Technique
  Could Lead to Bionic
  Vision; Professor Shy
  Shoham led researchers in
  testing the power of holography to artificially stimulate
  cells in the eye, with hopes
  of developing a new strategy
  for bionic vision restoration.
- > Technion Ingenuity on
  Display During Obama
  Israel Visit; The President
  saw Prof. Alon Wolf's search
  and rescue robotic snake;
  alumnus Dr. Amit Goffer's
  ReWalk, and a "human"
  waiter robot, built by middle
  school students with guidance
  from the Technion.
- > Technion Scientists Develop
  Advanced Biological Computer;
  Using only biomolecules, scientists
  created a computing machine capable
  of manipulating genetic codes.
- > Breakthrough Could Lead to "Artificial Skin" that Senses Touch, Humidity and Temperature.
- > Technion Researchers Create 'Super Plants' that Resist Drought; Faculty of Biology Professor Shimon Gepstein says that these genetically engineered plants could be a solution for food shortage in the world.

