Welcome

Dear RoboCupers!

We are very pleased to host RoboCup 2023 in Bordeaux. This wonderful event is returning for its 26th edition!
We hope that all your preparations for the competition are going well !
This newsletter gives you the first information on the event that will help you plan your participation in RoboCup 2023.

We hope to see you all in Bordeaux!

1. Save the dates

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

[Major Registration Schedule]
Early registration Closed
regular registration May 17 - June 6
Late registration June 7 - June 30

[Junior Registration Schedule]
registration March 24 - June 6
Late registration June 7 - June 30

[Major League Schedule]
Setup: July 04 (Tue.) –July 05 (Wed.), 2023
Competition: July 06 (Thu.) –July 09 (Sun.), 2023
Symposium: July 10 (Mon.), 2023

[Junior League Schedule]
Setup: July 05 (Wed.), 2023
Competition: July 06 (Thu.) –July 09 (Sun.), 2023
Symposium: July 10 (Mon.), 2023

Please find more information on the official website: RoboCupers - Practical Information - ROBOCUP 2023
2. Electrical and network information concerning the competition

One RJ45 per team table will be provided in each major competition league. Each team must come with a switch to connect more than one computer to the network. Organize your network but the Wifi will be forbidden (except for robots competition).

Each table will have an electrical french plug (see section 6). However no electrical extension cord nor universal plug is arranged for the team area, so participants have to bring their own to the competition league.

3. Transport

- General information*

For the purposes of the RoboCup, the organizing committee, supported by Bordeaux metropole and Bordeaux convention bureau, undertakes to provide the participants with free transport passes for a period of 9 days (starting from the first validation). These passes will be sent to the RoboCuper prior to the competition as digital passes working with NFC.

*More information on the menu available in Newsletter 3

- Desk

In case of problems upon arrival, information desks will be available on 2 and 3 July at the train station and at the airport to redirect you to the tram and bus points.

4. Discord

In order to facilitate the contact between all the RoboCuper a Discord has been set up. Don’t hesitate to join it to be able to exchange between teams, leagues and even to plan some activities to discover Bordeaux!

Please find the discord link here: Discord

5. Reminder (Freight) and updates

Bolloré Logistics Fairs & Events has been nominated as the official logistics and customs provider to the RoboCup 2023. It shall be providing complete door-to-door transport and customs services to all participants. Please call the contacts prior to the sending of the robots in order to avoid any problem of transportation.
Please find more information on “material” section of this page: Robocupers - Practical Information - ROBOCUP 2023

6. Electrical Extension Cord and Universal Plug

- General information

For France there are two associated plug types, types C and E. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type E is the plug which has two round pins and a hole for the socket’s male earthing pin. France operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz

![Type C and Type E plugs](image)

- Voltage converters and transformers

Electricity supplies worldwide can vary from anything between 100V and 240V. It can be extremely dangerous to use an electrical appliance that is rated at a voltage different from the supply. As voltage can differ from country to country, you may need to use a voltage converter or transformer whilst in France. Please find more information on the following website: Travel Adaptor for France | Electrical Safety First
7. What’s the weather like in Bordeaux in July?

- Temperature
The average daily temperature jumps up to 21°C (about 69°F), plenty warm for sightseeing outdoors. The highs jump up to 26°C (around 79°F), the hottest temperatures this area will see all year. At night, the lows get down to 15°C (around 59°F), still warm enough to enjoy a glass of wine outdoors at one of the city’s many vineyards. With these temperatures, you can pack the short-sleeve shirts and shorts for the daytime hours. At night, you might want a jacket or light sweater.

- Extreme Temperatures
Typically, this area has steady temperatures without a lot of extreme highs and lows. The highest recorded temperature this part of Western Europe has ever seen was a very balmy 39°C (about 102°F). The lowest temperature dropped down to 9°C (around 48°F), pretty chilly for a summer month. You most likely won’t see temperatures like this, but check the local forecast each day to be sure.

8. Tourism
Bordeaux is a particularly touristic city with many activities to discover. Please find below the website of the tourist office which will guide you towards many activities. 
Bordeaux Tourism and Conventions: official website (bordeaux-tourism.co.uk)

9. Restauration*
Several food trucks offering different menus to suit all diets will be present during the competitions, next to the competition halls.

*More information on the menu available in Newsletter 3

10. French drinking rules
France is renowned for its gastronomy – fine foods, fine wines, fine Cognac, and much, much more. Many of us enjoy meeting up with friends for lunch or an evening meal. Wine often comes as an integral part of many ‘plat du jour’. With all this temptation, moderation is called. So, what exactly are the rules? The French government’s official website, Service-Public.fr makes it clear on their page on “Drunkenness-Alcoholism” (translated from the French): “Minors cannot buy or consume alcohol in public places.”
11. Contact and Information

Further general information on RoboCup 2023 are available on:
https://2023.robocup.org/

If you have particular requests for information on non-league-specific questions, you can contact us through one of the following contact forms:
https://2023.robocup.org/en/contact/

We are steadily preparing all the arrangements to make sure you have a pleasant competition. We wish you and your team successful preparations for RoboCup 2023, and we hope to see and welcome you all in Bordeaux. Best wishes!

On behalf of the RoboCup 2023 Executive Working Committee:

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