# Hellenic Robotics Forum (HRF) 2026

July 1-2, 2026, Athens, Greece



## Day 1: Wednesday, July 1

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| 08:00 - 09:00 | **Registration** & Welcome Coffee |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | **Opening Remarks** - General Chairs |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | **Keynote Talk #1**: *Robotics AI: Integrating Learning, Modeling, Perception and Planning*<br>*Prof. Kostas Bekris (Rutgers University, USA)* |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | **Spotlight Session** |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | **Keynote Talk #2**: *Reliable and Resilient Robot Autonomy*<br>*Prof. Dimitra Panagou (University of Michigan, USA)* |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | **Poster Session** & Coffee Break |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | **Keynote Talk #3**: *Robot Learning in Minimally Invasive Surgery and Micro-Manipulation*<br>*Prof. Christos Bergeles (King's College London, UK)* |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | **Panel Discussion #1**: *Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Education*<br>Moderator: *Prof. Sergios Theodoridis (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) / speakers to be confirmed* |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | **Keynote Talk #4**: Unified Autonomy across Robot Embodiments<br>*Prof. Kostas Alexis (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway)* |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | **Spotlight Session** |
| 17:00 - 18:00 | **Poster Session** |
| 18:00 - 18:30 | Commemorative Photo Shoot |
| 18:30 - 20:30 | **Welcome Reception** |

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## Day 2: Thursday, July 2

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| 08:00 - 09:00 | Welcome Coffee |
| 09:00 - 10:00 | **Spotlight Session** |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | **Keynote Talk #5**: *The Sensorimotor Path to AI*<br>*Prof. Yiannis Aloimonos (University of Maryland, USA)* |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | **Poster Session** & Coffee Break |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | **Panel Discussion #2**: *Robotics and Innovation: from research excellence to market deployment*<br>Moderator: *Dr. Gregory Yovanof / speakers to be confirmed* |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | **Keynote Talk #6**: *4D-Aware Generative AI: Creating Dynamic, Interactive 3D Worlds for Robotics*<br>*Prof. Evangelos Kalogerakis (Technical University of Crete, Greece)* |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | **Keynote Talk #7**: *Challenges in Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Navigation Control to Integration into the National Airspace*<br>*Prof. Kimon P. Valavanis (University of Denver, USA)* |
| 14:30 - 15:30 | **Spotlight Session** |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | **Poster Session** & Coffee Break |
| 15:30 - 17:30 | **Career Session** (parallel event) |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | **Closing Remarks & Presentation of Awards** |