Message from the Technical Committee Chair

The objective of this Technical Committee (TC) is to promote work in the area of assembly and task planning by, for example, sponsoring/encouraging/organizing tutorials, workshops, special conference sessions, special journal editions, etc. The TC has been in existence for about three years and has been very active. Its activities have included organizing workshops at the ICRA conference, sending a periodic email newsletter, editing a special edition of the society Transactions and, now, organizing this symposium.

The vitality of the TC is due mainly to the extraordinary volunteer effort put into it by its members, outstanding examples of which are the members of the organizing and program committees for this symposium. TC membership is open to all Robotics and Automation society members. If you are interested in finding out more about the TC and becoming involved in its activities, then see the TC home page link on the Robotics and Automation WWW home page, http://www4.ncsu.edu/eos/users/w/wes/KAhomepage/rahomepage.html.

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