

ASIMO to Open Futuro Remoto Science Festival in Italy

Naples, Italy, Nov. 19, 2009 – The New ASIMO has traveled to Italy this week to appear in the opening ceremony of Futuro Remoto, the largest science festival in Southern Italy. During the ceremony ASIMO met Prof. Bruno Siciliano, Professor of Automatic Control at Naples University and Prof. Oussama Khatib, Professor of Computer Science at Stanford University, on stage.

This is the second time the latest version of Honda's humanoid robot has been to Italy in less than 20 days, it having recently made its Italian debut at the Genoa Science Festival on October 21, 2009.

For the first time since the festival started 23 years ago, the theme focused on robotics. ASIMO, world's most advanced humanoid robot, was therefore the ideal 'guest' to open the proceedings.

After the opening ceremony ASIMO appeared in a show lasting 25 minutes, allowing the guests to see its range of cutting-edge abilities and the latest advances in the field of humanoid robotics first hand. This included ASIMO's ability to run, climb stairs, give and receive objects and interact with people.

ASIMO acted as a high profile example of Honda's dedication to innovative and cutting edge research in the field of robotics, and also illustrated the type of robotic technology that might be commonplace in our society in 10 to 20 years time.