



FIRA – Association of Robot-Soccer Players

„FIRA“ stands for „Federation of International Robot-soccer Association“. It was founded in 1997 by the Korean Hong-Hwan Kim, the initiator of the first FIRA-robot-soccer tournament. The FIRA has set itself the target to pass on the spirit of science and robot-soccer to young people, to get them interested in robots and to encourage them to take part in the tournaments.

With “The MiroSot ‘96” Kim already organised his first robot-soccer tournament in 1996. In preparation for the tournament, 30 teams from 13 countries were invited to a summer camp in Korea to familiarize them with the rules of robot-soccer.

In the next years FIRA-tournaments in Australia, Austria, Brazil, China and France followed. In 2005, 83 teams from 16 countries took part in the FIRA World Cup. In six different classes they fought for the world title. The FIRA European Cup also takes place each year. There is a fierce competition between the best European teams.

The FIRA expects the tournaments to get young people enthusiastic about robots and to interest freshers in the relevant fields of science. For students the competitions are a “test field” for their work and an improvement of practical university education.

Another goal of the FIRA RoboWorld Cups is to familiarize students from all over the world and from totally different fields of science, like robotics, intelligent systems, communication, mechatronics and computer science, with the new and increasing field of autonomous robot-soccer. And to bring them together to play against each other in teams. That is how the FIRA RoboWorld Cup becomes a scientific-technological World Cup.

2007 the FIRE World Cup takes place in San Francisco (USA) and 2008 the City of Qingdao in China is host of the tournament.

