



## FIRA RoboWorld Cup 2006: Kick-Off with Robots Dancing Samba

**Only a few days and the ball starts rolling at the FIRA World Cup 2006 of the Universität Dortmund. 55 teams from 17 countries and their soccer robots have warmed up and are looking forward to the kick-off on the 30. June, 9:30 a.m., at the Dortmunder Westfalahallen (hall 2N). Only now it will show if the defense is good enough and if the attack really is dangerous in front of goal. Scientists and students went through a long period of preparation. During the RoboWorld Cup the interaction of technique and tactics will be crucial for victory or defeat.**

The RoboWorld Cup offers an interesting supporting program: The Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics (IML) presents the robot goalkeeper "RoboKeeper". The human-sized fully automatic goalkeeper recognizes approaching balls and tries to block them. Visitors of the RoboWorld Cup can compete against the "RoboKeeper" and kick at goal.

Some Korean entrepreneurs present home and entertainment robots. "Robonova-1", a humanoid robot which can dance light-footedly and turn a cartwheel, is especially interesting.

The company Microsoft shows how computer games are programmed. The well-known action game "Rocket Commander" serves as an example.

At the opening of the tournament robot-teams from Korea and Austria prove that soccer robots cannot only play elegantly with the ball on the field but can also cut a good figure on the dance floor.

**We are glad to invite you to the media event**

### **"Kick-Off FIRA RoboWorld Cup 2006"**

on Friday, the 30. June, at 9:30 a.m.  
in the Dortmunder Westfallenhallen (hall 2N)

**You can take pictures of the following persons:**

Prof. Dr. Eberhard Becker (Rector of the Universität Dortmund)  
Prof. Jong-Hwan Kim (President of the FIRA)  
Dr. Norbert Jesse (organizer of the FIRA RoboWorld Cup 2006)



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**Further information:**

FIRA Robo World Cup 2006 of the Universität Dortmund  
30. June – 3. July 2006  
Daily 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
In the Dortmunder Westfalenhallen (hall 2N)  
Entrance free

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