



## FIRA RoboWorld Cup 2006: 50 Teams from 17 Countries Guarantee International Flair

**From all over the world people and machines are going to travel to Dortmund when the small ball is in the center of interest during the FIRA RoboWorld Cup of the Universität Dortmund in the Dortmund Westfallenhallen (hall 2N). From the 30. June until the 3. July students and scientist fight with their robots in different classes for the world title.**

More than half of the applications for the tournament come from Asia. The teams come from Korea (13), China (10), Taiwan (4), Singapore (2) and Indonesia (1). The teams from Argentina and Canada also have to travel a long way.

17 teams from ten European countries are participating: Germany (5), Austria (2), Great Britain (2), Slovakia (1), Slovenia (1), Netherlands (1), Czech Republic (2), Croatia (1), Russia (1) and Spain (1).

Organizer Dr. Norbert Jesse from the Chair Computer Science I at the Universität Dortmund is very satisfied with the geographic spread of the participants and sees new chances for international relations: "The internationality of the FIRA RoboWorld Cups is a good starting point for deepening the cooperation with foreign universities. I am especially pleased with the high number of participating Asian teams. I am convinced that we are going to be a good host for the tournament and the congress."

Jesse's efforts to find partnerships abroad have once again been successful recently: The well-known Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST, Korea) is interested in a closer cooperation. Other joint ventures are surely going to follow for a Russian as well as a Chinese delegation from Qingdao, Chinas third largest city, are expected to come to Dortmund.

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