Hello RoboNation,

Advancements in autonomous vehicle technology across all domains – air, land and water – are moving fast in public and private sectors of industry, including academia through research and competitions. In support of these advancements, RoboNation created the Maritime RobotX Challenge, our most complex robotic competition to-date. A new element of “RobotX” is the creation of the first-ever RobotX Forum, which will take place in Sydney, Australia, December 13-15. Part of this inaugural event is a session for students to submit papers related to autonomous systems in the maritime domain.

You are invited to submit a technical paper for the 2017 RobotX Forum. (For more information about RobotX, visit www.robotx.org)

The RobotX Forum will provide an opportunity to showcase your ongoing research in autonomous vehicle systems to a global audience. Topics for this technical paper are provided in the attached document, RobotX Forum Paper Topics. The paper should be 4 to 10 pages in the IEEE Standard double-column format (see attached RobotX Forum Paper Format Template).

If interested, please adhere to the following:

1. Intent to submit: by September 11
   a. Email Julianna Smith, jsmith@robotx.org
   b. Ex. “I/We intend to submit a technical paper for review. I/We have read and understand the information provided in this email. Sincerely, First Last, Team/School

2. One-page summary: due September 25
   a. To include title, list of authors with contact information, and abstract

3. Final Papers: due October 13

4. Results: announced November 17

All papers will be peer-reviewed by a committee of autonomous systems Subject Matter Experts (SME). Selected papers will be published in 2017 RobotX Forum proceedings. Authors of selected papers will be invited to present at the event. For more information, see the attached RobotX Forum Invitation and RobotX Forum Schedule.

Sincerely,
Vladimir Djapic
Paper Chair, 2017 RobotX Forum