

The Robotics Society of Japan (RSJ)

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1. About the RSJ

- Establishment: January 28, 1983
- Purposes: Promoting progress in academic fields and providing specialists with a venue for announcing their research and sharing technical information
- **Activities:**
- Publishing: Journal of the RSJ, Advanced Robotics and Texts
- Conferences: Annual Conference of the RSJ and Robotics Symposia (Sponsored by SICE, JSME and RSJ)
- Seminar: Robotics Seminar
- Awards: Best Paper Award, Advanced Robotics Paper Awards so on
- •Committees: Special Interest Groups and Surveillance Committee (The Great East Japan Earthquake)
- •Globalization: Cosponsor of IROS and Ro-man, International Education



Organization Map of the RSJ

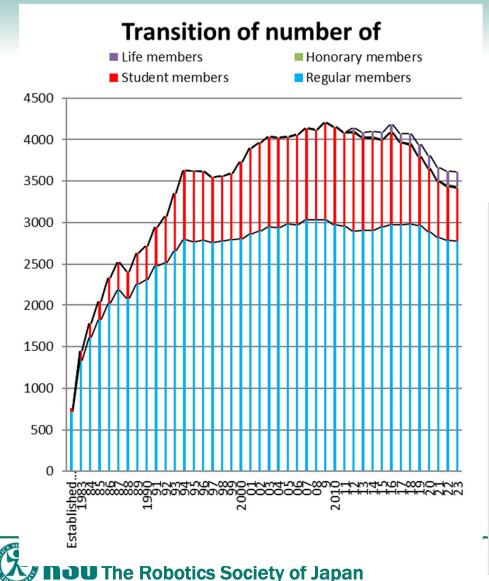
- **■**General Meeting (Delegates: 59)
- **Board of Directors (25)**
- President
- Vice Presidents
- General Affairs
- Budget and Finance
- Planning
- Publication of Japanese Journal
- Publication of International Journal
- Academic Activity
- Annual Conference
- International Affairs
- Auditors
- Administration Office (5)
- Secretary General
- Staff

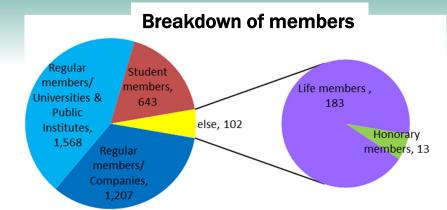
Committees

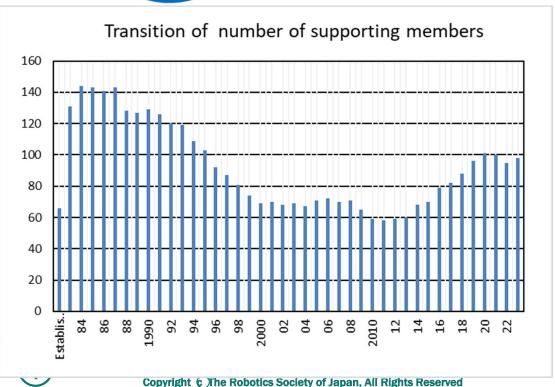
- Advisory Board
- Editorial Committee of the Japanese Journal
- Editorial Committee of the International Journal
- Activity Planning Committee
- International Affairs Committee
- Executive Committee of the Annual Conference
- Award Committees
- Publication Committee
- Task Force on RSJ Future Planning
- Compliance Committee, so on

Number of Members (at Dec. 31, 2023)

- Number of individual members: 3,614 (Regular members: 2,775, Student members: 643, Honorary members: 13, Life members: 183)
- Number of Supporting members: 98

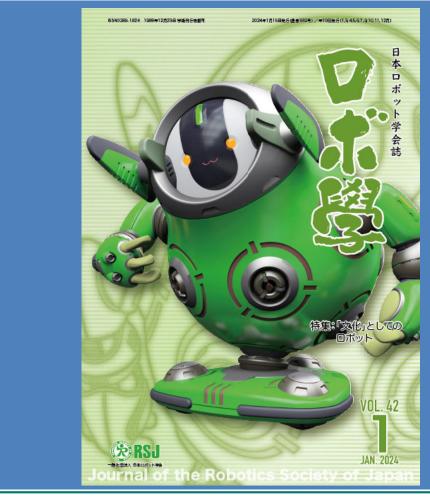


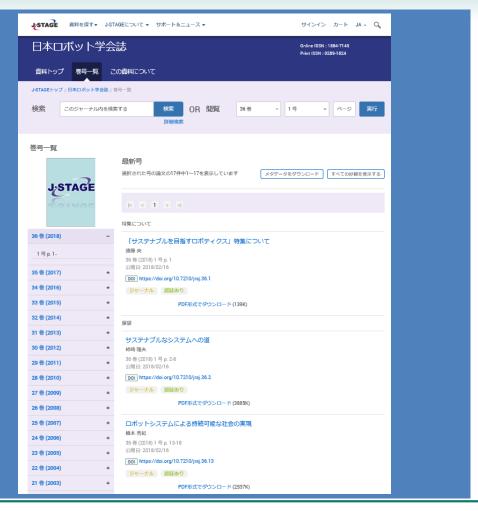




2. Activities: Journal of the RSJ

- Journal of the RSJ: Since 1983, Last volume: 41, Published 10 issues per year
 - Carrying papers, review articles and information for members
 - All individual members can read and download the the review articles at J-Stage online archive. All papers are Open Access!

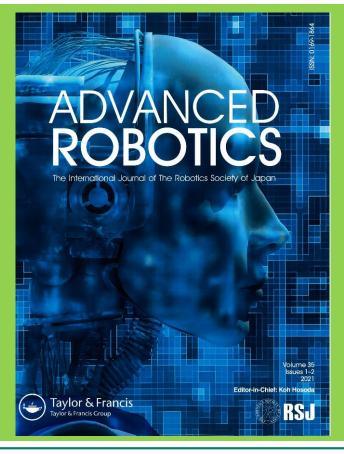


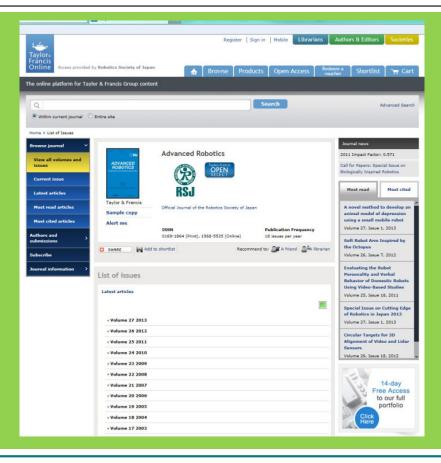




International Journal (1)

- Advanced Robotics: Since 1988, Last volume: 37,
 - Published 24 issues per year,
 - **Publisher: Taylor & Francis**
 - Carrying Only English papers
 - All individual members can read and download the papers at an online archive of Taylor & Francis.

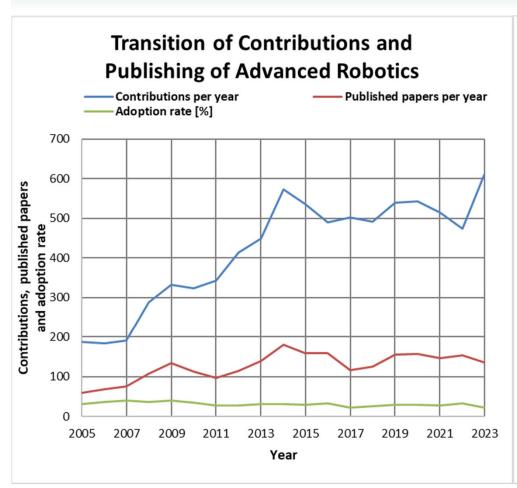


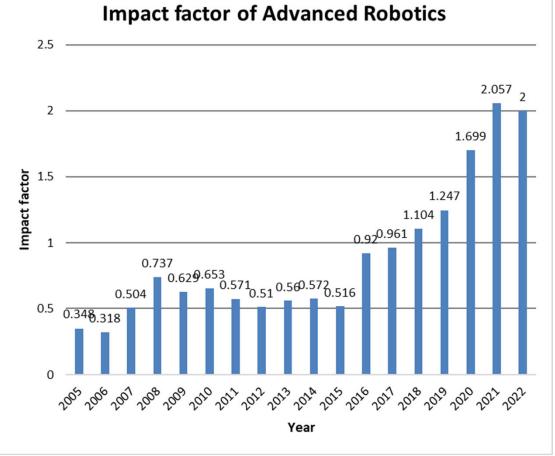




International Journal (2)

- Number of contributions increases year by year. 609 contributions in 2023
- Impact factor of AR was 2.057 in 2021
- Contributions from Japan and East Asia are major.





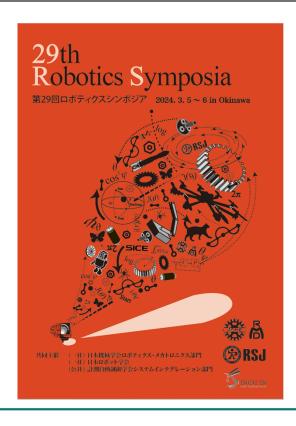




Conferences

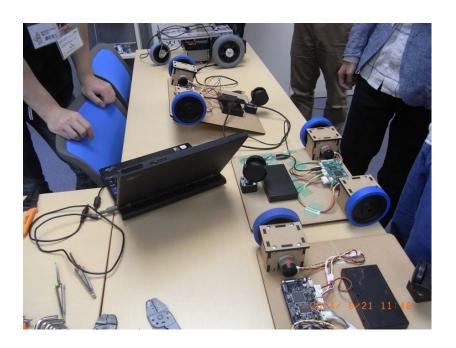
- Annual Conference of RSJ:
- Main event held by the Society in September.
- The 41st Annual Conference was held in 2023
- Robotics Symposia (Sponsored by SICE, JSME and RSJ)
- Purpose: Higher level presentation and discussion
- The 29th Symposium was held in 2024.





Robotics Seminar

- Seminars that cover everything from basic to advanced technical topics
- About 7 seminars per year
- Average number of participants in one seminar: About 50
- Services for the supporting members: Free ticket and Discount ticket
- Remote seminar has been started since 2013.





Globalization

- Cosponsorship of International conferences
- Cooperation with Asian researchers
- **■**Cosponsorship of International conferences
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)
- International Symposium on Robot and Human Communication (Ro-Man)

- Pacific-Asian Robotics Society Union (PARSU)
- Established in 2006
- Participating nations: Korea, China, Taiwan, Australia,
 Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, India, Japan





■Technical-sponsorship of International conferences

- International Symposium on Artificial Life and Robotics (AROB)
- IEEE International Conference on Multisensor Fusion and Integration for the Intelligent Systems
- IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man and Cybernetics (SMC)
- International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR)
- International Symposium on Robots (ISR)
- Micro Materials Conference (Micro Mat)
- International Symposium on Distributed Autonomous Robotic Systems (DARS)

















Awards

Honoring of academic activities and contributions to society

- Best Paper Award
- Advanced Robotics Paper Awards
- Technical Innovation Award
- Young Investigation Excellence Award
- Excellent Research and Technology Award
- Excellent Presentation Award
- Young Researcher Excellent Presentation Award
- Robotics Symposia Excellent Research and Technology Award
- Robotics Symposia Young Investigator Excellence Award
- International Session Best Presentation Award
- Robots and Society Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Excellent Student Award





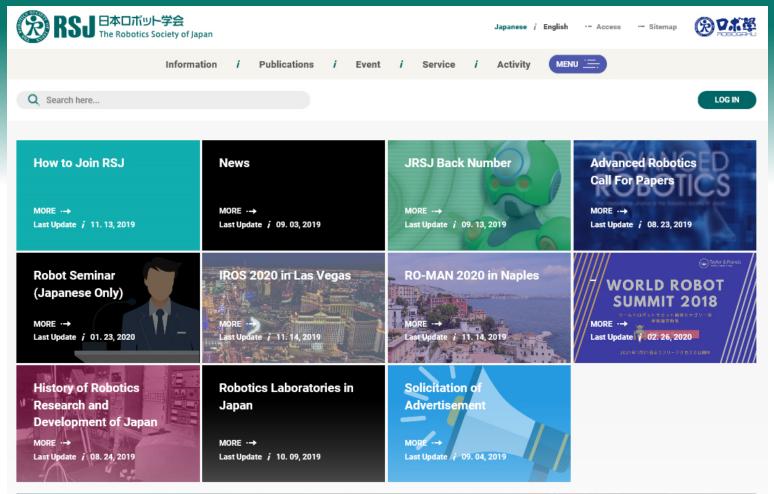
Committees

- Special Interest Groups: (17 committees in 2024)
- Special Interest Group on "Children Centric Robotics"
- Special Interest Group on "General Purpose Robot Mounted Medical Devices"
- Special Interest Group on "Standard for Food Sample"
- Special Interest Group on "Performance Evaluation Engineering for Robots"
- Special Interest Group on "Care Robot"
- Special Interest Group on "Career Path Development for Young Researchers"
- Special Interest Group on "Robotic Law and Ethics"
- Special Interest Group on "Assembling Technologies for Complex and High Precision Machine"
- Special Interest Group on "Play and Robot"
- Special Interest Group on "Humanoid Robotics"
- Special Interest Group on "Soft Robotics"
- Special Interest Group on "Intelligent Home Robotics"
- Special Interest Group on "Data Engineering Robotics"
- Special Interest Group on "Network Robotics Services"
- Special Interest Group on "Human Centric Robotics"
- Special Interest Group on "Robot Technology in Hokkaido"
- Special Interest Group on "Intelligent Space"
- Society Mission Committee: (5 committees in 2023)
- Disaster Response Robotics Committees (Since 2023.6)
- Industry-Academia Collaboration Committee (Since 2013. 5)
- Education Planning Committee (Since 2023.3)
- Decommissioning Robotics Committee (Since 2015. 1)
- Construction Robot Committee (Since 2013. 10)





3. Services on Web Site (https://www.rsj.or.jp/en)



New RSJ Home Page was debuted in September 2019

- Top page with easy-to-read topics and important items
- Menu design for easy access to necessary information
- Publication of useful information: Individual member services, etc.

Services on Web Site (https://robogaku.jp/)



- Randomly publish cutting edged robotics news on Top page
- Publication of social topics concerning with robot applications
- Useful contents:
 - Robotics Laboratories in Japan (https://robogaku.jp/en/rij/univ/)
 - History of Robotics Research and Development of Japan (https://robogaku.jp/en/history/all.html)

4. Contribution to Education

- Robot High school:
- Cooperation with the International Robot Exhibition (iREX) 2009 and 2011
- Japanese high school students experienced dismantling and operation of real industrial robots.
- International Robotics Forum for High School Students (1st: IRH 2013 5th: IRH 2019)

https://www.rsj.or.jp/en/event/irh/irh2013/report.html https://www.rsj.or.jp/en/event/irh/irh2015/report.html https://www.rsj.or.jp/en/event/irh/irh2017/report.html https://www.rsj.or.jp/en/event/irh/irh2018/report.html https://www.rsj.or.jp/en/event/irh/irh2019/report.html

- An educational event cooperated with iREX
- Call on high school students around the world
- Interchanging between students, Survey of robots at iREX and Presentations by students

Robot High school



5. Contribution to Society: The Great East Japan Earthquake

- **■**Coopetition for a response to the Great East Japan Earthquake:
 - Establish of the Surveillance Committee on Tohoku Earthquake (2011. 3)
 - Cooperation with Disaster Response Robotics Task Force (volunteer action of robotics researchers and engineers) (2011. 4)
 - •Joint statement by the Japanese academic societies concerning with robotics (2011. 4) "Joint statement for application of Japanese robot technologies to the disaster responses for the Great East Japan Earthquake and the nuclear disasters of Hukushima"

The Japan Robotics Society

The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers: Robotics and Mechatronics Division The Society of Instrument and Control Engineers: System Integration Division IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, Japan Chapter IFToMM, Japan Council

- Action of the Surveillance Committee on Tohoku Earthquake:
- Subcommittee for recording nuclear disaster response technologies:
 - •Final report (in Japanese) (2014.10)
 - http://www.rsj.or.jp/databox/committees/141001saigaikiroku_fainal_zanntei.pdf
- Subcommittee for recording general disasters response technologies:
 - •Interim report at the 30th Annual Conference (2012.9)