

IFR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION: SIRI

A Brief History of SIRI

SIRI, the Italian Robotics and Automation Association, was founded in 1975 as a non-profit cultural association with the objective of standing forward as a benchmark for people and organizations aiming at developing and investigating topics relating to robotics and its applications.

Objectives

Standing as a highly-qualified forum for suppliers, academic world and users of robotised systems, SIRI's aim is to promote and disseminate information and news through a number of activities:

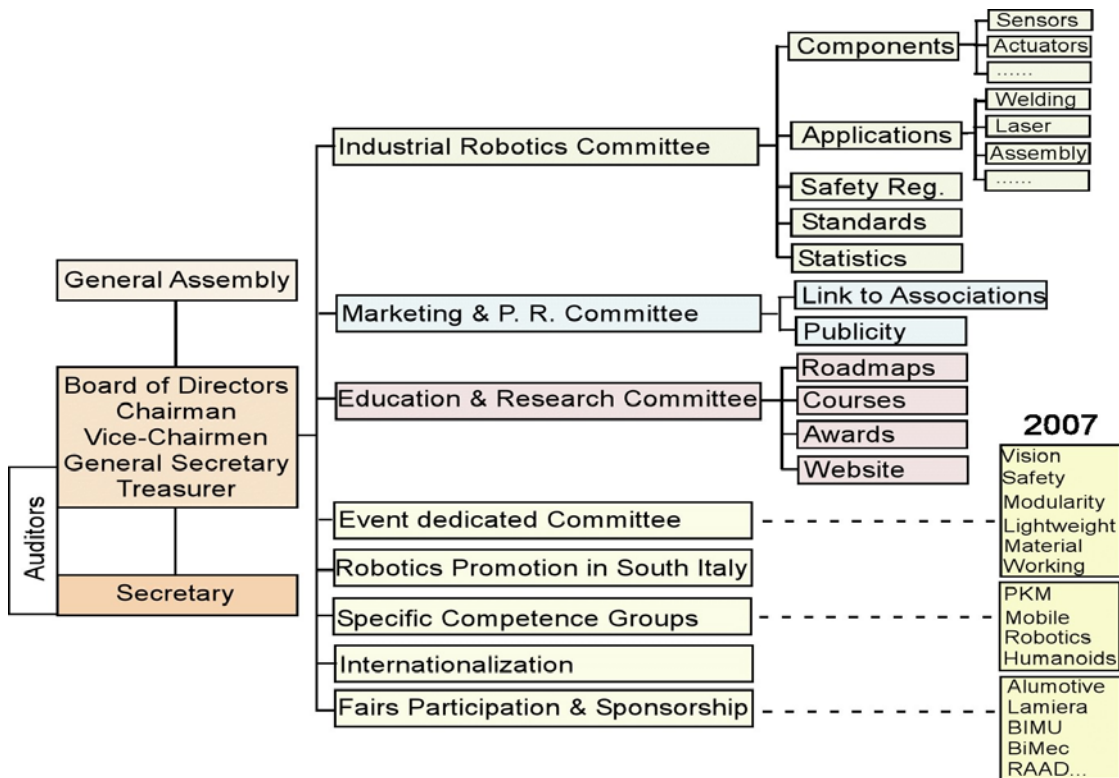
- the organisation and sponsorship of congresses, seminars, conferences and workshops with the aim of spreading information and developing the professional growth of people working in the field of robotics
- the promotion of studies and surveys aimed at acquiring knowledge of the technical, social and economic problems involved in robotics and its applications
- the collection and the processing of statistical data on the production and consumption of robots in Italy, with the cooperation of UCIMU - SISTEMI PER PRODURRE
- the promotion and sponsorship of educational courses for students and vocational training courses for people working in the area
- the promotion and sponsorship of publications on robotics and its applications.



SIRI offices at UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE building in Milan

SIRI works in close cooperation with the Edizioni Fiera Milano Italia publishing house and with UCIMU - SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, the organisation of Italian machine tools manufacturers. The links between SIRI and the Fiera Milano editor are enabled through the journal Rivista di Meccanica Oggi, that gives far-reaching publicity to all initiatives and to information coming in from affiliated members. UCIMU is the direct line with the world of industry and provides the tools for market surveys.

Structure of SIRI



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Membership

Members of SIRI include manufacturers, integrators and importers, research bodies and universities, operating in the robotics area. This enables the association to promote relations and exchanges of information and ideas among research, industry and users.

Membership designations are as follows:

- collective manufacturer and/or integrator member (companies, robot manufacturers and so on)
- system integrators
- collective user member (companies, industrial organisations and so on)
- researcher member (University Faculties, Schools, Technical Institutes, Research Centres)
- individual member

Currently, SIRI has about 250 members, including robot manufacturers, system integrators, user companies, research institutes and individuals.

Board of Directors

The SIRI Board of Directors consists of 20 members and 3 auditors. As of September 2007 the Steering Committee is:

Chairman

Vice Chairman Industrial Automation and Robotics

Vice Chairman Communication and P.R.

Vice Chairman Education and R&D

General Secretary

Treasurer

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Celebration of the SIRI 30 years (2005)

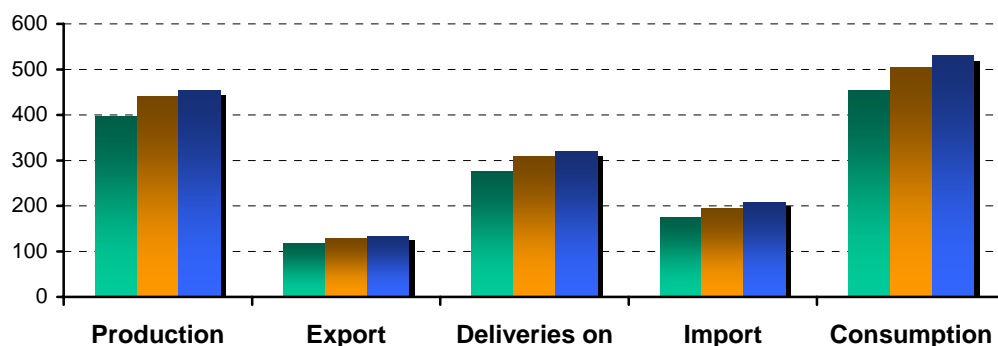
The Italian robot industry: data for 2006

Companies of limited size which, however, with high-quality products, characterize the structure of the Italian robot and automation industry, and the same goes for the domestic manufacturing-system business.

Official data for 2006 registered a strong increase in total output (Euro 440 million, +10.8%), thanks to yet another positive year on the international markets (Euro 130 million, +8.3%) and to a surge of home deliveries (Euro 310 million, +11.9%).

Italian robot consumption is increased by 11.2% to Euro 505, with imports taking a share of 38.6% (with a value of Euro 195 million and an increase of 10.2%).

The trend in 2007 should be similar, maybe at a slower pace.



ITALIAN ROBOT INDUSTRY (Values in millions euro, years 2005, 2006 and 2007)