

ROSCON 2018

What to Know Before you Go

We look forward to welcoming you to ROSCon 2018 to be held at the NH Collection Madrid Eurobuilding. The response to ROSCon has been overwhelming with registration selling out prior to the early registration deadline! This magnetic event would not be possible without the support and generosity of [our sponsors](#).

Prior to your arrival, we encourage you to check out the [conference website](#) to review detailed information about the conference.

Helpful Information

Conference Venue ([Google Maps Link](#))
Hotel NH Collection Madrid Eurobuilding
Padre Damián, 23 28036 Madrid - Spain





Registration

Location: Plaza Mayor, First Floor

[View the venue floor plan.](#)

Hours: Friday, September 28: 16:00 - 20:00 - Sponsors, Exhibitors, and Diversity Scholars Only
 Saturday, September 29: 07:30 – 18:10
 Sunday, September 30: 08:30 – 18:05

Easy Ways to Reduce Your Environmental Impact

-  Eliminate the amount of waste that ends up in landfill by bringing your own reusable water bottle and refilling it at the event.
-  Reduce your personal carbon footprint by walking or taking public transportation between your hotel and the conference venue.
-  Please use the appropriate bins onsite to ensure items are recycled and reduce the waste sent to landfills.
-  Reduce your water consumption by limiting your shower time and reusing your towel in your hotel room.

Time Zone

Madrid, Spain is located in the CEST time Zone (UTC +02:00)

What to Pack

We recommend you dress in layers as temperatures in meeting rooms can vary.

Weather

While September is still the midst of summer in Madrid, the city is beginning to cool down for fall with an average temperature of 22°C/71°F, an average high of 29°C/84°F and low of 14°C/57°F. You can [view the 10-day weather forecast](#) for a better prediction of the weather during the conference.

Travel from Madrid-Barajas Adolfo Suárez Airport (MAD) to the NH Collection Eurobuilding

*The committee recommends travelling by Metro
Approx. 35 minutes Cost: (7,50€, Subject to change)

You have two options on the metro. Option 1 has a 14 minute walk. Option 2 requires a train transfer.

Option 1:

Directions: Walking approx. 14 minutes

- Take L8 from Airport to Nuevos Ministerios
- Disembark at the Colombia station
- Take exit Príncipe de Vergara impares - Colombia
- Head north on Calle del Príncipe de Vergara toward Calle de Colombia
- Turn left onto Plaza de la R. Dominicana
- Slight left onto Calle de Costa Rica
- Continue onto Av. de Alberto de Alcocer
- Turn left onto Calle de Padre Damián

Option 2:

Directions: Walking approx. 6 minutes

- Take L8 from Airport to Nuevos Ministerios
- Transfer to L10 at Nuevos Ministerios
- Board L10 to Tres Olivos
- Disembark at the Cuzco station
- Head north on Paseo de la Castellana toward Av. de Alberto de Alcocer
- Turn right onto Av. de Alberto de Alcocer
- Turn right onto Calle de Padre Damián

Conference Information

Program

For the full conference program, please visit the conference [website](#). As noted above, registration opens at 7:30am on Saturday, September 29, with the Opening Session beginning at 9:00am. We encourage you to arrive early to check-in and enjoy the company of other early arrivals prior to the start of the Opening Session.

Group Photo

Please be sure to join us in the general session room after the final presentation on the first day, Saturday, September 29, for a group photo at 18:05.

Presentations

Presenters are responsible for providing a laptop to connect to the podium. The default connection at the podium will be HDMI. VGA, mini-displayport and USB-C adapters will also be available. An audio connection will be available.

Please format all presentations in 16:9 ratio for optimal display on the screen.

Lightning Talks

If you are interested in giving a 3 minute lightning talk, here's an overview of how it will work.

Each morning at the beginning of the day's remarks (9:00), the committee will post a link to a web form to sign up on-site for a Lightning Talk slot. It will also be posted at the registration desk. Submissions will be allowed until the end of the first Coffee Break (11:00). The Organizing Committee will review the submissions and then the day's talks will be selected at random. If you are selected you will be contacted by the committee via email at or before 12:30 and will have until lunch ends at 13:50 to bring your media file to the volunteer(s) at the registration desk. During the lightning talk session your file will be preloaded and you will be given a 3 minute warning before your presentation slot. The 3 minute duration limit will be strictly enforced :)

We will accept a media file in the following formats:

- PPT
- PPTX
- PDF
- Anything a standard Windows VLC install can play back
- Google Slides (ensure that the slides and all linked media have view access granted to rgariepy@clearpath.ai for the duration of the session)

In summary:

- 9:00: Web form posted and signups open
- 10:30: Morning coffee break begins
- 11:00: Morning coffee break ends and signups close

- 12:30 (at latest): Presenters notified by email
- 13:50: Presentations due, lunch ends
- 15:20: Lightning talks begin

Presentation Archiving and Live Stream

To make the content that is presented available to the greater community and provide a long term archive, presentations will be video recorded and available on the conference website in early October.

We would also like to thank Tony Robotics as their support has enabled the conference to provide live streaming of the sessions.

Wifi at the venue

Wifi is generously supported by Honeywell Intelligrated. To access the dedicated conference network in the meeting spaces, please use the SSID and password below.

- SSID: Honeywell_TeamROSCon
- Password: awesomebots

Social Media

Please share your conference experience via the conference social media accounts: #ROSCon2018 #ROSCon @OpenRoboticsOrg @rosorg

Exhibit Schedule

Exhibitor Move-in:	Friday, September 28	16:00 – 20:00
Exhibit Space Open Hours:	Saturday, September 29	07:30 – 20:00
	Sunday, September 30	08:00 – 16:15
Exhibit Move-out:	Sunday, September 30	16:35 – 20:00

Hotel security will be present on-site and the exhibit hall will be locked overnight on Friday following setup and Saturday following the reception. **However, we do not recommend leaving valuables at your exhibit table unattended.**

Child Care Options

The NH Collection Eurobuilding contracts with “[Cangurous de la Guardia](http://www.cangurosdelaguarda.com)”, a professional, multilingual childcare company. You can contact the company directly via their website, <http://www.cangurosdelaguarda.com>, or reserve service through the NH Eurobuilding Guest Relations desk: T. +34 91 353 73 00 Ext: 4882 gstrltns.nhcollectioneurobuilding@nh-hotels.com. If you intend to contract childcare services, in addition to contacting the care provider, please email Karly@MeetGreen.com. ROSCon is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible conference environment. By providing this information, it will allow the Conference to review attendee needs and evaluate where conference resources are deployed.

ROSCon 2018 and Open Robotics do not guarantee or make warranties for the provider and assume no liability by providing this reference.

Dining & Tipping in Madrid

Breakfast:

[Apricot Lounge](#) (Calle del Dr. Fleming, 58 - 10 minute walk)

[Le Pain Quotidien](#) (Capitán Haya, 26 - 9 minute walk)

[Nitty Gritty](#) (Calle del Dr. Fleming, 51 - 10 minute walk)

Coffee Shops/Pastries:

[Panaria](#) (Paseo de la Castellana, 164 - 6 minute walk)

[Santagloria](#) (Calle de Pedro Teixeira, 7 - 13 minute walk)

Dinner:

[BOCABOCA](#) (Calle Félix Boix, 8 - 10 minute walk)

[El Enfrizador](#) (Plaza Del Peru, 1 - 8 minute walk)

[El Qüenco de Pepa](#) (El Qüenco de Pepa, Calle Henri Dunant, 21-23 - 4 minute walk)

[Sacha](#) (Calle de Juan Hurtado de Mendoza, 11 - 5 minute walk)

Tipping is not customary in Spain as services fees are almost always included. If someone provides particularly excellent customer service you might consider leaving a small tip in cash, for example, by rounding up to the nearest Euro or leaving 5% when dining.

Dining in Spain happens later in the day than in other countries; restaurants may not start serving dinner until 9pm.

Disclaimer

ROSCon 2018 reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken at any official conference event, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video. ROSCon may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by ROSCon including but not limited to: brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc.

Have any questions? Please contact Shereen at shereen@meetgreen.com.