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We are very pleased to welcome you to the Pacific Northwest, to the city of Seattle and University of Washington, our host institution for ICORR' 2013. The International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics celebrates its 13th conference since its humble beginnings in 1990. We have teamed up with Alex Mihailidis, President of the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America (RESNA), to twin our conferences this year. We are thereby providing researchers and practitioners involved in advanced rehabilitation technology with an opportunity to experience the Seattle-Bellevue area, renowned for its natural setting, hi-tech industry and gourmet coffee. ICORR will be held on the UW campus in the Husky Union Building, a beautiful, recently renovated building with stunning views over the city of Seattle and Mt. Rainer in the distance.

ICORR and RESNA have Canadian Chairs this year, representing both eastern and western regions of the country. Seattle was selected to host ICORR not simply for its natural beauty, but for the growing importance of a major new U.S.-funded initiative in biorobotics, the NSF Engineering Research Center for Sensorimotor Neural Engineering (CSNE) at the University of Washington. As we thank them for hosting and sponsoring ICORR, we hope you will have a chance to tour their affiliated labs and to network with CSNE researchers.

For the conference itself, we offer you three days of single-track, high-impact plenaries and themed sessions that cover the important areas of rehabilitation robotics today. Most focus on robot-assisted therapy, with a growing interest in assistive exoskeleton systems as well. Poster sessions and exhibitor booths on all three days, plus workshops Wednesday afternoon, will allow you plenty of time to explore the many subspecialties of rehabilitation robotics in depth with other attendees. Work does not stop entirely at the end of the sessions: there will be lots of time to network in the evenings: o. On Monday evening we will hold our gala at Seattle's amazing Museum of Flight, and Tuesday evening's reception is at the Burke Museum on the UW campus, a short walk from the conference venue.

We welcome you to Seattle, and wish you a stimulating experience intellectually in one of the most beautiful and welcoming areas in the world.

Sincerely,

2013 ICORR Co-Chairs



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