

From the WoRD workshop Chairs

The Workshop on Remote control of Devices (WoRD), which took place from 28 to 31 October 2007 in Lyon, France, focused on the remote control of appliances over computer networks, in the field of industrial processes, collaboratories and most especially for distance learning.

WoRD main topics encompassed research advances around remote hands-on approaches. Five papers were selected for an oral presentation at the WoRD session. The session gave the opportunity to researchers to share their point of view on the usage of remote laboratories for distance learning. In fact, researchers have exchanged results, findings and tools that may contribute to the growth of this evolving field.

Thanks to a very pleasant work atmosphere, the participants enjoyed the discussions on real use cases of remote control of devices for education purpose. Examples of implementation were presented in order to illustrate the feasibility of the proposed approaches. The exchange of ideas was found to be very motivating and useful according to the participants.

The following selected papers, published in this iJOE special focus issue, gives an accurate insight into the discussions of WoRD 2007 session. All submitted papers have been carefully peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers for technical merit, originality, significance and relevance to iJOE topics.

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