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The **International Federation of Robotics (IFR)** was founded in 1987, but its activities go back as far as 1970 when the first "International Symposium on Industrial Robots" took place in Chicago, USA.

The purpose of IFR is to promote and strengthen the robotics industry world-wide, to protect its business interests, to cause public awareness about robotics technologies and to deal with other matters of relevance to its members.

The "**International Symposium on Robotics**" is an annual event in connection with a major robotics exhibition. One of the aims of the **ISR Symposium** is to enable representatives from the robotics industry, robotics users and researchers to meet and exchange experiences, ideas and develop worldwide cooperation programs. ISR 2006 was the 37th Symposium, held in conjunction with a major exhibition the "**2006 Automatica Fair.**" in Munich, Germany. The **ISR 2007** Symposium will take place in Chicago, USA in conjunction with the "**International Robot & Vision Show**".

The **IFR Statistical Department**, which is hosted by the VDMA Robotics + Automation association publishes once a year the World Robotics report. This unique publication presents comprehensive global statistics on both industrial and service robots allowing consistent country and regional comparisons. It contains detailed statistical data for some 50 countries, broken down by application areas, industrial branches, types of robots and by other technical and economic variables. Data on production, exports and imports are presented for a selection of countries. In 2006, for the first time a half yearly shipment statistics had been installed. The data are online available for participants only at www.worldrobotics-online.org.

The IFR has also a permanent liaison with the **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** and its members are playing an important role in developing the latest Industrial Robots Standards in co-operation with the ISO Technical Committee (TC 184).

As a **Member** of the IFR, you can participate in various Special Interest Workgroups such as Communications, Industrial Robot suppliers, Service Robotics, Statistics.., and you will also be invited to participate in regular regional and international meetings, as well as in the annual **ISR Symposium**.

To obtain more information on the current and future IFR events, please, consult the IFR website at: www.ifr.org or contact the IFR Secretariat at:

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