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environments. Service robots are those that work closely with humans, with Field robots are robots which operate in outdoor, complex, and dynamic Robots, Robots for Construction, Security & Defence Robots, Cleaning Robots, robots including: Agricultural and Forestry Robotics, Mining and Exploration Autonomous Underwater Vehicles and Autonomous Flying Robots. particular applications involving indoor and structured environments. here are a wide range of topics presented in this issue on field and service

it was first held. FSR has been held every 2 years, starting with Canberra 1997 followed by Pittsburgh 1999, Helsinki 2001 and Lake Yamanaka 2003 This meeting was the fifth in the series and brings FSR back to Australia where



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