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**2020** 27.09.-04.10.  
**BREAKING  
THE SURFACE**  
BIOGRAD NA MORU, CROATIA  
**12<sup>th</sup>** INTERNATIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY FIELD WORKSHOP  
OF MARINE ROBOTICS AND APPLICATIONS

# Breaking the Surface 2020

Biograd na Moru, Croatia  
27<sup>th</sup> September-4<sup>th</sup> October

## PROCEEDINGS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION



The **Breaking the Surface 2020** was held from 27th September until 4th October in Biograd na Moru, Croatia and more than 85 people participated (on-site and online). BTS 2020 was held in a hybrid format with a small set of lectures held virtually and part of the lectures streamed online. The program was divided in three program tracks: lectures, PhD presentations and one roundtable. In five days, ten lectures, ten PhD presentations, one roundtable, four demonstrations and six tutorials were presented.

**Dates:** 27<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Location:** Biograd na Moru, Croatia

**Website:** <http://bts.fer.hr/>

## 2. REPORT ORGANIZATION

The first part of the report describes the BtS 2020 organization, including the work program. The deliverable is accompanied with abstracts, biographies, and presentations of the program presenters:

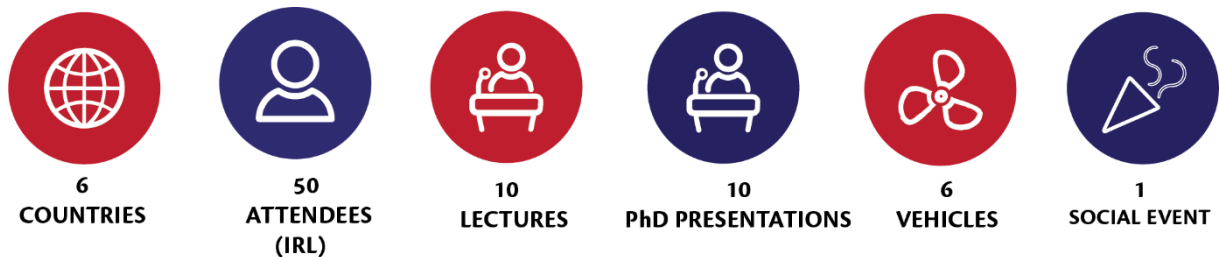
## 3. ABOUT BREAKING THE SURFACE

Breaking the Surface - BtS summer school has been organized by UNIZG FER LABUST for the last 10 years – first three years as a part of FP7-REGPOT CURE project, while in the following years with Office of Naval Research Global support. During the years, BtS served as a meeting place of experts and students of marine robotics and the marine robotics application areas such as marine biology, marine archaeology, marine security, oceanography, marine geology, and oceanology. This is the world's first successful, multi-year field training program that combines academic topics in marine

robotics and robotics application areas and hands-on working experience in the sea, doing remote sensing and sampling for various ocean sciences.

The program is organized in the form of plenary talks, hands-on tutorials and demonstrations of marine technologies, e.g. marine robotics (MAROB, marine biology and marine nature protection (MARBIO), maritime, nautical and ship archaeology (MARCH), oceanography (OCEAN), and company presentations

## BTS2020 IN NUMBERS:



## 4. ORGANIZERS

Breaking the Surface is organized under the European Union's Horizon 2020 project EUMarineRobots – Marine Robotics Research Infrastructure Network (GA: 731103), Interreg Italy-Croatia Innovamare project (ID: 10248782), H2020 AeRoTwin – Twinning Coordination Action for Spreading Excellence in Aerial Robotics (GA: 810321), IMPACT Erasmus+ (No: 2018-1-DE01-KA201-004259), and IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society. The main organizers are University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Laboratory for Underwater Systems and Technologies and Centre for Underwater Systems and Technologies with the support from LARICS laboratory University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing.

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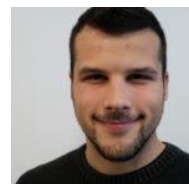
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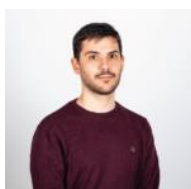
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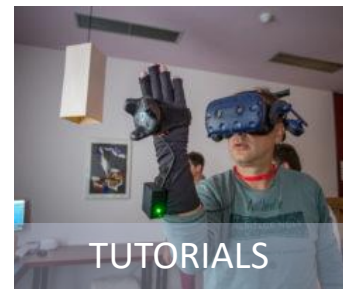
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## 5. PROGRAMME

### 5.1. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

BtS program consisted of academic lectures, hands-on tutorials, presentations of PhD thesis, presentation of equipment, a round table session, experiments and testing, and social activities.



### 5.1.1. PROGRAMME ABSTRACTS, BIOGRAPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

The daily programme follows below with the list of talks and speakers and links to the abstracts, biographies, a round table session, and streamed presentations.

#### Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September

09:15 – 10:00 [MARINE ROBOTICS AT CMRE: FROM COMPETITIONS TO REGULATION](#) by [FAUSTO FERREIRA](#)

10:00 – 10:45 [HYBRID ACOUSTIC-OPTICAL UNDERWATER COMMUNICATION NETWORKS FOR NEXT-GENERATION COOPERATIVE SYSTEMS](#) by [ANTÓNIO M. PASCOAL](#), [ROBERTO PETROCCIA](#)

11:00 – 11:20 [PHD PRESENTATION: UNDERWATER LOCALIZATION](#) by [FRANE ROGIĆ](#)

11:20 – 11:40 [PHD PRESENTATION: A HYPER-HEURISTIC APPROACH TO ACHIEVING LONG-TERM AUTONOMY IN A HETEROGENEOUS SWARM OF MARINE ROBOTS](#) by [ANJA BABIĆ](#)

11:40 – 12:00 [PHD PRESENTATION: CONSENSUS-BASED DISTRIBUTED CONNECTIVITY CONTROL IN MULTI-ROBOT SYSTEMS](#) by [MARKO KRIŽMANČIĆ](#)

12:00 – 12:20 [PHD PRESENTATION: ACOUSTIC LOCALISATION OF UNDERWATER SENSORS USING COOPERATIVE UNMANNED MARINE VESSELS](#) by [IVAN LONČAR](#)

12:20 – 13:05 [ADAPTIVE OPTIMAL CONTROL IN COOPERATIVE AND DECENTRALIZED SYSTEMS](#) by [IVANA PALUNKO](#)

14:30 – 16:00 [SOFT ROBOTIC MANIPULATION IN SELECTED AGROTECHNICAL PROCEDURES BASED ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE](#) by [MARSELA POLIĆ](#)

16:15 -18:45 [TUTORIAL: ROBOT OPERATING SYSTEM 2 \(ROS2\)](#) by [ĐULA NAĐ](#)

#### Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

09:00 – 09:45 [D2: A VEHICLE FOR DIVER-ROBOT COLLABORATION](#) by [ĐULA NAĐ](#)

09:45 – 10:30 [STRUCTURIZED ECOLOGICAL CULTIVATION WITH AUTONOMOUS ROBOTS IN INDOOR AGRICULTURE](#) by [MATKO ORSAG](#)

10:30 – 10:50 [PHD PRESENTATION: PRODUCTION, TESTING AND POSSIBLE USECASES OF UNDERWATER ACOUSTIC BEACONS](#) by [VLADIMIR SLOŠIĆ](#)

11:05 – 11:25 [PHD PRESENTATION: LARICS AT MBZIRC 2020 – AUTONOMOUS GROUND VEHICLE IN WALL BUILDING SCENARIO – THEORETICAL BACKGROUND](#) by [IVO VATAVUK](#)

11:25 – 11:45 PHD PRESENTATION: LARICS AT MBZIRC 2020 – AUTONOMOUS GROUND VEHICLE IN WALL BUILDING SCENARIO – EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION AND IN-FIELD EXPERIMENT by IVAN HRABAR

11:45 – 13:15 ROUND TABLE: INNOVAMARE PROJECT

14:30 – 16:30 TUTORIAL: SLAM IN COMPLEX LARGE-SCALE GNSS-DENIED ENVIRONMENTS by JULIO L. PANEQUE

16:45 – 18:45 BLENDER by MATKO ORSAG

### **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> September**

09:00 – 09:45 DATA ACQUISITION SERVICE FOR ENCORE ARCHITECTURE by STJEPAN BOGDAN

09:45 – 10:05 PHD PRESENTATION: SONAR-BASED OBJECT DETECTION METHODS by IGOR KVASIĆ

10:05 – 10:25 PHD PRESENTATION: ONLINE SEABED COVERAGE PATH PLANNING FOR AN AUTONOMOUS MARINE VEHICLE BASED ON SONAR DATA by NADIR KAPETANOVIĆ

10:25 – 10:45 PHD PRESENTATION: LOW-POWER DETECTION OF UNDERWATER ACOUSTIC SIGNALS by FRAN PENIĆ

11:00 – 11:45 SLAM IN COMPLEX LARGE-SCALE GNSS-DENIED ENVIRONMENTS by J. RAMIRO MARTINEZ-DE DIOS

11:45 – 12:30 ASYNCHRONOUS EVENT-BASED VISION FOR UAS PERCEPTION by AUGUSTO GÓMEZ EGUÍLUZ

12:30 – 13:15 ADAPTIVE MORPHOLOGY FOR AERIAL-AQUATIC ROBOTS by JULIEN DI TRIA, ANDRÉ FARINHA, CRYSTAL WINSTON

14:30 – 16:00 TUTORIAL: H2O ROBOTICS PRODUCTS FOR UNDERWATER LOCALIZATION AND COMMUNICATION by KRISTIJAN KRČMAR, VLADIMIR SLOŠIĆ

16:15 – 18:45 TUTORIAL: LAUV LUPIS – DEPLOYMENT, MISSION PLANNING AND ANALYSIS by NADIR KAPETANOVIĆ

### **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**

09:00 – 11:00 TUTORIAL: THE BASICS OF A MONITORING MISSION by IVAN LONČAR, MARKO KRIŽMANČIĆ, ANJA BABIĆ

## STREAMED PRESENTATIONS

All the technical talks were streamed and were made available to the public on Youtube. In the following links covering these talks.

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

[Opening Session and 1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session](#) (includes F. Ferreira and R. Petroccia & A. Pascoal lectures)  
[2nd Morning Session](#) (includes PhD presentations by F. Rogić, A. Babić, M. Križmančić and I. Lončar and lecture by I. Palunko)

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

[1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session](#) (includes Đ. Nađ and M. Orsag lectures and V. Slošić PhD presentation)  
[2nd Morning Session](#) (includes I. Vataavuk and I. Hrabar PhD presentations)  
[INNOVAMARE Round table](#)

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

[1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session](#) (includes S. Bogdan lecture and I. Kvasić, N. Kapetanović and F. Penić PhD presentations)  
[2nd Morning Session](#) (includes J. Ramiro Martinez-de-Dios, A. Gomes Eguíluz, and C. Winston, A. Farinha and J. Di Tria lectures)

## 5.2. SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 28.09.		TUESDAY, 29.09.		WEDNESDAY, 30.09.		THURSDAY, 01.10.					FRIDAY, 02.10.											
09:00-09:15	OPENING SESSION	09:00-09:45	Lecture: D2 - a vehicle for diver-robot collaboration (D. Nađ)	09:00-09:45	Lecture: Data Acquisition Service for ENCORE Architecture (S. Bogdan)	09:00-11:00	Tutorial The Basics of a Monitoring Mission (Babić, Lončar, Križmančić) subCULTron				09:00-13:00	DEMO HEKTOR	DEMO H2O	DEMO CroMarX	DEMO Innova MARE							
09:15-10:00	Lecture: Marine robotics at CMRE: from competitions to regulation (F. Ferreira)	09:45-10:30	Lecture: Structurized Ecological Cultivation with Autonomous Robots in Indoor Agriculture (M. Orsag)	09:45-10:05	PhD Presentation: Sonar-Based Object Detection Methods (I. Kvasić)																	
10:00-10:45	Lecture: Hybrid acoustic-optical underwater communication networks for next-generation cooperative systems (R. Petrocchia & A. Pascoal, EUMR)	10:30-10:50	PhD Presentation: Production, testing and possible usecases of underwater acoustic beacons (V. Slošić)	10:05-10:25	PhD Presentation: Online seabed coverage path planning for an autonomous marine vehicle based on sonar data (N. Kapetanović)																	
10:45-11:00	BREAK	10:50-11:05		BREAK	10:25-10:45											PhD Presentation: Low-power detection of underwater acoustic signals (F. Penić)						
11:00-11:20	PhD Presentation: Underwater Localization (F. Rogić)	11:05-11:25		PhD Presentation: MBZIRC 2020 - Autonomous ground vehide in wall building scenario - Theoretical background (I. Vatavuk)	11:00-11:45											Lecture: SLAM in complex large-scale GNSS-denied environments (J. Ramiro Martinez-de Dios, AEROTWIN)						
11:20-11:40	PhD Presentation: A hyper-heuristic approach to achieving long-term autonomy in a heterogeneous swarm of marine robots (A. Babić)	11:25-11:45	PhD Presentation: MBZIRC 2020 - Autonomous ground vehide in wall building scenario - Experimental validation and in-field experiment (I. Hrabar)	11:45-12:30	Lecture: Asynchronous event-based vision for UAS perception (A. Gómez Eguluz, AEROTWIN)											11:15-13:00	DEMO HEKTOR	DEMO H2O	DEMO CroMarX	DEMO Innova MARE		
11:40-12:00	PhD Presentation: Consensus-Based Distributed Connectivity Control in Multi-Robot Systems (M. Križmančić)	11:45-13:15	Round table INNOVAMARE project Topics: 1. Blue future - underwater robotics and sensors 2. Blue Sustainability - sea pollution 3. The economic value - innovation ecosystems																		12:30-13:15	Lecture: Adaptive Morphology for Aerial-Aquatic Robots (C. Winston, A. Farinha, J. Di Tria, AEROTWIN)
12:00-12:20	PhD Presentation: Acoustic localisation of underwater sensors using cooperative unmanned marine vessels (I. Lončar)																					
12:20-13:05	Lecture: Adaptive Optimal Control in Cooperative and Decentralized Systems (I. Palunko)																					
13:05-14:30	LUNCH	13:15-14:30	LUNCH	13:15-14:30	LUNCH											13:00-14:30	LUNCH				13:00-14:30	LUNCH
14:30-16:00	Lecture: Soft robotic manipulation in selected agrotechnical procedures based on artificial intelligence (M. Polić)	14:30-16:30	Tutorial Slam in complex GNSS-denied environments (J. Paneque, AEROTWIN)	14:30-16:00	Tutorial H2Orologio + H2Observe																	
16:00-16:15	BREAK	16:30-16:45	BREAK	16:00-16:15	BREAK																	
16:15-18:45	Tutorial ROS2 (D. Nađ)	16:45-18:45	Tutorial Blender (M. Orsag)	16:15-18:45	Tutorial LAUV Lupis - deployment, mission planning and analysis (N. Kapetanović)	14:30-18:30	DEMO HEKTOR	DEMO H2O	DEMO CroMarX	DEMO Innova MARE	14:30-18:30	DEMO HEKTOR	DEMO H2O	DEMO CroMarX	DEMO Innova MARE							

## 6. BTS PARTICIPANTS

In 2020, 50 participants from various fields joined Breaking the Surface in real life. Morning sessions were streamed with around 30 participants attending daily.



## 7. SUPPORTERS

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