



International Science Advisory Group (ISAG)

Professor Rodney A. Brooks

*Founder, Chairman and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Heartland Robotics, Inc
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Panasonic Professor of Robotics at MIT (on leave)*

Dr Brooks received degrees in pure mathematics from the Flinders University of South Australia and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Stanford University in 1981. He held research positions at Carnegie Mellon University and MIT, and a faculty position at Stanford before joining the faculty of MIT in 1984. He was Director, MIT Computer Science Artificial Intelligence Laboratory from 1997-2007. He has published many papers in computer vision, artificial intelligence, robotics, and artificial life.

Dr. Brooks is a Member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), a Founding Fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAAS), a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (the other AAAS), a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), a Corresponding Member of the Australian Academy of Science (AAS) and a Foreign Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE).

Dr Stuart Feldman

Vice President Engineering, East Coast Labs, Google

Dr Feldman is responsible for engineering activities at Google's offices in the eastern half of the Americas. Before joining Google, he worked at IBM for eleven years. Most recently, he was Vice President for Computer Science in IBM Research, where he drove the long-term and exploratory worldwide science strategy in computer science and related fields, led programs for open collaborative research with universities, and influenced national and global computer science policy.

Prior to that, Dr Feldman served as Vice President for Internet Technology and was responsible for IBM strategies, standards, and policies relating to the future of the Internet, and managed a department that created experimental Internet-based applications. Earlier, he was the founding Director of IBM's Institute for Advanced Commerce, which was dedicated to creating intellectual leadership in e-commerce.

Before joining IBM in mid-1995, Dr Feldman was a computer science researcher at Bell Labs and a research manager at Bellcore. In addition he was the creator of Make as well as the architect for a large new line of software products at Bellcore.

Dr Feldman did his academic work in astrophysics and mathematics and earned his AB at Princeton and his PhD at MIT. He is President of ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) and received the 2003 ACM Software System Award. He is also a Fellow of the IEEE, a Fellow of the ACM, and serves on a number of government advisory committees.

Professor Jeffrey D. Ullman

*Stanford W. Ascherman Professor of Computer Science (Emeritus) Stanford University
Founder Gradient Corporation*

Prof. Ullman worked with Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill – NJ, in 1966, before moving to Princeton University where he was an Associate Professor between 1969 and 1974 and a Professor between 1974 and 1979. He joined Stanford University in 1979 as a Professor, has been the S.W. Ascherman Prof. of Engineering since 1994 and was the Chair of Department of Computer Science from 1990 to 1994.

He completed a B.S. in Engineering Mathematics from Columbia University in 1963 and went on to complete a Ph.D. in electrical Engineering, at Princeton University in 1966. He received an honorary doctorate from Free University of Brussels in 1975, followed by the Einstein Fellowship of Israeli Academy of Sciences in 1984.

He holds memberships in the National Academy of Engineering, ACM, EATCS, SIGACT, SIGMOD, TBP and SigmaXi. His interests include database theory, database integration, data mining, and education using the information infrastructure.

Professor Dr H. Dieter Rombach

Head of the Research Group for Software Engineering and of the Fraunhofer Institute for Experimental Software Engineering

Prof. Dr. Dieter Rombach studied mathematics and computer science at the universities of Karlsruhe and Kaiserslautern. Since 1992, he has held the chair for Software Engineering at the University of Kaiserslautern, and since 1996, he has been Executive Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Experimental Software Engineering in Kaiserslautern (FhG IESE). From 1984-1991, he was Professor of Computer Science at the University of Maryland, and from 1986-1991 he was Project Manager at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center.

In 1990, Prof. Rombach received the "Presidential Young Investigator Award" from the National Science Foundation (USA) "in recognition of his successful work in the area of Experimental Software Engineering". For his exceptional services rendered to the state of Rhineland-Palatinate and his exemplary commitment to the good of society, he received the Order of Merit of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate in late 2000. Effective 1 January 2003, Prof. Rombach was appointed Fellow of the American Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in recognition of his achievements in the area of Experimental Software Engineering.

Professor Jean Vuillemin

Professor and Director of the Department of Computing at École normale supérieure (ENS) de Paris

Professor Vuillemin studied at l'Ecole Polytechnique, the Université de Paris and was awarded a PhD at Stanford University.

Jean Vuillemin is professor in the Mathematics and Computer Science department (DMI) at École normale supérieure de Paris. Dr Vuillemin was Full Professor at the University of Paris-Sud, the Ecole Polytechnique, the Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci, and the Ecole Normale. He spent many years as a consultant in industry.

From January 2005 to December 2006 Prof Vuillemin was the Scientific Director, l'Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (INRIA) France's national institute for research in computer science and control.

In 2008, Jean Vuillemin received the EADS Prize (computer science) of the French Academy of Sciences.

Sir John Taylor, FRS, FREng

Chair, Roke Institute

In December 2003, John Taylor completed his five year term as Director General of Research Councils, responsible for the UK Science Budget and the seven Research Councils funding research across the whole spectrum of science and technology in the UK science and engineering base.

He was formerly director of Hewlett Packard Laboratories Bristol, where he developed major programs of research in areas including internet security, wireless communications, telecommunications, personal digital imaging and mathematics. Earlier, he lead various research groups at RSRE and ARE in secure computing and communications, and command and control.

He was President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in 1998-9, and chaired the UK Technology Foresight Panel in IT Electronics and Communications until December 1998. He is an honorary fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and a visiting professor at Oxford University.

He was knighted in 2004 for services to scientific research and is currently chairman of Roke Manor Research Ltd, a non-executive director of Rolls Royce and chair of the South West RDA's Shadow Science and Industry Council.

International Business Advisory Group (IBAG)

Dr Robert R. Bishop

Chairman of BBWORLD Consulting Services Sarl.

Bob Bishop is Chairman and Founder of BBWORLD Consulting Services Sarl, a Geneva based strategic consulting organization.

He is also Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne's (EPFL) Blue Brain Project, a research initiative to create a biologically

accurate, functional model of the human brain using IBM's Blue Gene supercomputer.

Dr. Bishop was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Silicon Graphics Inc (SGI) from 1999 to 2006, first joining the company in 1986 as the founding president of its World Trade Corporation and responsible for all activities outside of North America.

Bishop was Vice President International for Apollo Computer, Inc., from 1982 to 1986 and held senior positions with Digital Equipment Corporation from 1968 to 1982.

During his 40 year career, Bishop lived with his family in five countries and established over 100 international subsidiaries for DEC, Apollo and SGI.

Dr Bishop is an elected member of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences, and serves on the international advisory panels for the Multimedia Super Corridor in Malaysia, National ICT Australia (NICTA), and UCLA's Laboratory for Neural Imaging (LONI).

He earned a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours) in mathematical physics from the University of Adelaide, Australia, a Masters of Science from the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University, and his Doctor of Science Honoris Causa from the University of Queensland.

In 2006, Dr. Bishop was awarded NASA's Distinguished Public Service Medal for his role in helping NASA's space shuttle fleet successfully 'return-to-flight' after the 2003 Columbia disaster.

Mr N. R. Narayana Murthy

Non-executive Chairman, Chief Mentor and co-founder of Infosys

Mr. Narayana Murthy was born on August 20, 1946 in Karnataka, India. He obtained his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (B.E.) from University of Mysore in 1967 and his Master of Technology (M.Tech.) from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur in 1969.

He founded Infosys in 1981 along with six software professionals. He was CEO from 1981 to 2002 and became Non-executive Chairman of the Board and Chief Mentor in 2006.

He was a member of the operating system team that designed real time operating system for handling air cargo for Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris. He was the President of National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) from 1992 to 1994.

Mr. Murthy is a member of the National Information Technology Task Force of India, and also of the Prime Minister's Council on Trade and Industry. He is a Director on the board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Mr. Murthy has received many honours and awards including the Padma Vibhushan awarded by the Indian President and the Legion of Honour from the French Government.

Mr Duane Zitzner

Retired Executive Vice President, Hewlett Packard Company

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Mr Zitzner was the Executive Vice President of the Personal Systems Group at Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) from 2002 until his retirement in December 2004. Prior to his appointment as Executive Vice President, Mr. Zitzner spent several years in executive positions at HP, including three years as President of Computing Systems and three years as Vice President and General Manager of the Personal Systems Group.

Before joining HP, Mr Zitzner held various management and technical jobs in software and architecture at IBM (International Business Machines). Previous to that he was a programmer at Univac.

Zitzner was born in Viroqua, Wisconsin. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and he did graduate studies in computer science at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Zitzner serves on the boards of Synnex, Alien Technology Corporation, Entone Technologies, and ProStor.

Ms Heather Killen

Managing Partner and founder, Hemisphere Capital

Heather Killen is Managing Partner (London), of Hemisphere Capital providing corporate advisory services and capital to information technology and digital media companies.

Ms Killen served as Senior Vice President, International Operations, of Yahoo! Inc., a SOFTBANK portfolio company, from January 1998 to June 2001, and previously as the company's Managing Director, European Operations, from September 1996 to December 1997.

In the course of five years Heather spearheaded the establishment of owned and operated companies for Yahoo! in more than 20 countries, managing what is widely regarded as the most successful international expansion of any Internet business during that time.

Prior to joining Yahoo!, Heather was Director, European Online Services, for Ziff-Davis, a technology publishing company also in the SOFTBANK portfolio, from 1994 to 1996, and Director of Business Development from 1992 to 1994.

Dr Ya-Qin Zhang

Corporate Vice President of Microsoft and Chairman of Microsoft China R&D Group

Dr. Ya-Qin Zhang is responsible for driving Microsoft's overall research and development efforts in China. CRD has become Microsoft's largest R&D centre outside of U.S., with more than 3000 engineers and scientists engaged in basic research, technology innovation and incubation, product development, and strategic partnership.

He was formerly Corporate Vice President of Microsoft, responsible for Microsoft's Mobile and Embedded Division in Redmond, USA and Managing director of Microsoft Research Asia, Microsoft's basic research arm in Asia-Pacific region. Before Microsoft Zhang was Director of Multimedia Technology Laboratory at Sarnoff Corporation in Princeton, NJ (RCA Laboratories).

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Zhang is a Fellow of IEEE. Zhang received his B.S. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) in 1983 and 1985. He received his Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University, Washington D.C. in 1989 and has executive business development training from Harvard University.