

# World Robotics 2008

## FOREWORD

Dear Reader,

We are proud to present the World Robotics 2008, available also on line "[www.worldrobotics.org](http://www.worldrobotics.org)".

The IFR Statistical Department, under the umbrella of VDMA Robotics & Automation in Frankfurt Germany, is constantly focusing on increasing the accuracy of the world wide robotics statistics.

It is a major task collecting, assembling and presenting the world wide robotics statistics. Data is assembled from robotics companies and national robotics organizations around the world.

One could say that the IFR Statistical Department is laying a global puzzle with data which is not always available in identical format or definitions.

Through cooperation with regional and national robotics organizations and companies, effort is put into step by step harmonizing the data, so a coherent statistical picture can be presented.

So with that, we proudly present the international standard and benchmark for robotics statistics, the "World Robotics 2008".

With the fluctuating trends we see in different parts of the world as well as in different industry segments of robotics, it is my hope you will find "World Robotics 2008" an interesting and useful instrument for understanding and planning.

Sincerely,

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