G’day again from your Dance Technical Committee,
No doubt you’re very busy getting together all the pieces and paperwork needed to bring your team(s) to Suzhou: good on you for persisting with this. Having taken teams to RCJ International events myself, I can assure you that you are creating an experience for your students they will always remember, long, long after they have forgotten what they were taught in class!

Here is another collection of information ‘snippets’ you should find useful in your preparations:

- We have discovered some of the documents you would find useful to share with your team members had not appeared on-line. Our apologies for this – they should be there now. The documents that should be available to you include:
  - Appendix for Dance – make sure you read this!
  - Judges’ scoresheet for ‘standard’ Dance
  - Judges’ scoresheet for interview
  - Judges’ scoresheet for SuperTeam Dance.
  - Schedule for Dance (you should have received this with Bulletin 1)
- There are two Websites you can go to for these documents: the official site at: http://robocup-cn.org/ then to RoboCupJunior Dance, or http://titan.bloomfield.edu/facstaff/eeguchi/rcj08/Site/rcj_dance_08.html , where you also find the photos of the Dance TC and other useful links.
  Speaking of the Dance TC; please note Anja’s surname is spelt ‘Tempelhoff’ – my mistake, sorry Anja!
- There is one change to the published schedule, but it’s a very pleasant one! We expect all teams will be present on Tuesday 15th July for registration, setup and interview (where possible), so we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to share a welcoming party with you all. This is a lovely time when we encourage all those involved in RCJ to come together and meet; for the students to meet and greet each other, and to exchange cards or similar so they may keep in contact after the event finishes. The time for this party will be 8:00pm to 10:00pm – please encourage your teams to be there. This event has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of the local Chinese school community and we thank them very much for providing this event for us. May we also take a moment to acknowledge the most wonderfully helpful Chinese organisers and volunteers in making RoboCupJunior Dance in Suzhou such a successful and memorable event for you all. Teams do not get to see all the arranging that goes into such a big competition and nothing has been too much trouble for our Chinese friends, for which we thank them on your behalf.
As published, there is also a ‘farewell’ party for all RoboCuppers on the Saturday night, to which you are also invited.

Music:
- As mentioned in the first bulletin, a big part of what we offer in Suzhou will be the ‘SuperTeam’ event, in which teams from around the world will be re-combined with two other teams from other countries; often those who don’t speak the same language. The aim of this event is to encourage the students to work and mix closely together, and to produce a new performance to present to the audience on Saturday. I am passing on a very useful suggestion which is to have your teams take some additional music they might like to use in their Superteams. The exact nature of this challenge will not be revealed until the meeting at lunchtime on Friday, so teams should come prepared for anything!
- Experienced Dance team mentors always make sure they bring more than one copy of the team music, and sometimes in a different format (e.g. MP3) in case the main copy is somehow damaged, lost or destroyed – please consider this precaution.
- We encourage all teams to deliver their music to the Sound Technicians at the performance stage on Tuesday so they can test your music and make sure it works well. If there is a problem, you then have a day to overcome it.

Many schools around the world are asked to supply detailed ‘risk assessments’ as part of being given permission to attend international events. If it assists you in your planning:
- We will supply you with an emergency telephone number – probably in the next bulletin
- There will be a manned ‘help’ desk for Dance during the day, and well into the night.
- We will provide several volunteers at the venue who can assist you with translations to and from Chinese.
- There will be first aid facilities at the venue.
- Buildings have full fire escape provision and fire suppression systems.

You will notice on the schedule that primary teams have been separated into two groups, as have secondary. (Please ignore any listing for three groups!) As these times and groups now seem set, we invite you to contact us with any requests for your team to be in a particular group so you can arrange performances around watching other teams perform, visiting other sections of RoboCup, reading posters, tourist activities, meals, sleep…whatever!

Again: let us know how we can help. The event is getting closer – it is wonderful to work with such excited students!

-Maudy
On behalf of the 2008 RCJI Dance Technical Committee.