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# 3 robotics trends you need to watch

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**Robotics** is a fast changing field, and it's hard even for the most tuned-in engineer to keep up to date with the latest technology, trends, design ideas and industry pressures. Earlier this year, the International Federation of Robotics held a high-level panel on how robots and humans will interact together in the future. Members of the panel included:

- Phil Crowther, Global Product Manager, Small Robots, ABB, China
- Professor Henrik Christensen, Executive Director, Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines, Georgia Tech
- Rodney Brooks, Chairman and CTO, Rethink Robotics
- Enrico Krog Iversen, CEO, Universal Robots, Denmark
- Masahiro Ogawa, Chairman and CEO, Yaskawa America
- Stuart Shepherd, Vice President Sales, Americas, KUKA US Holding

Following are areas discussed that will affect the nature of robots, from specialized industrial models to consumer-oriented devices. Watch for these trends in the coming months and years.

