



Press Release

Aethon Executives Present at RoboBusiness Conference and Exposition

Panels Discuss the Latest Robotic Technology

June 2006 — PITTSBURGH, PA — Aethon, Inc., the nation's premier provider of low-cost solutions for automating transport in hospitals, had a major presence at the 2006 RoboBusiness Conference and Exposition, in Pittsburgh, PA, on June 20 and 21. RoboBusiness' Conference and Exposition is the only industry event dedicated solely to the growth and development of the mobile robotics and intelligent systems industry. The event focused on business development and technical issues involved with the commercial application of mobile robotics and systems technology.

Aldo Zini, Aethon's President and CEO, and Peter Seiff, Vice President of Customer Solutions, were invited to speak because both are experts in applying robotics to transforming the hospital environment. Aethon is the second commercial robotics success for the pair, Zini and Seiff were early-on employees at Pittsburgh-based Automated Healthcare (McKesson Automation). Their latest robot, TUG, was on exhibit at the conference and drew attention for its advanced technical ability to operate autonomously despite its simple and practical design. TUG's technology is a new level of achievement in the robotics industry.

Zini participated in two panel discussions. The New Robotics Market – Lessons from the Front Line focused on the emergence of a new robotics market composed of highly intelligent mobile robots. Zini also spoke about how robotics is being employed in hospital automation, acute intervention and quality of life improvement, during *Select Opportunities in Healthcare Robotics*.

"Aethon plays an integral role in the transformation of the hospital environment through robotics," said Zini. "RoboBusiness provides a vital forum for the robotics industry, and it was an honor to lead these dynamic sessions."

Seiff participated in the Robotics Workforce Needs panel discussion, which tackled issues associated with workforce development in the robotics industry. The panel focused on critical workplace issues including: the need for the multidisciplinary skills drawn from computer science, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical and industrial engineering, and other disciplines.

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About Aethon: Based in Pittsburgh, PA, Aethon is a leader in providing practical, dependable, and affordable robotics for hospitals. Aethon's first commercialized product, TUG, is an automated courier system for the delivery and tracking of hospital goods and supplies. TUG saves hospitals thousands of dollars, is simple to install, and can be applied across a variety of applications. For more information, visit <http://www.aethon.com>.
