



**GRFLA APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT FOR 2010 AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS;
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In 2007, academia has joined forces to drive research collaboration and communication among top RFID labs around the world, by founding the Global RF Lab Alliance (GRFLA). The alliance' proponents were the University of Arkansas, Georgia Tech Research Institute and University of South Florida Polytechnic in the United States, Universities of Parma (Italy) and Bremen (Germany) in Europe, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Pusan National University and Chinese Academy of Science s' Institute of Automation (CASIA) in the Far East.

The GRFLA was aimed at including the centers of excellence on RFID around the world, with the purpose of enhancing communication and collaboration mechanisms, of sharing resources and of expanding the work of the RFID centers beyond their own initiatives. This mechanism also stimulated larger RFID initiatives, which are difficult to be undertaken by a single RFID research center. Looking at the research activities carried out, the GRFLA has developed RFID feasibility studies, pilot applications and testing in the contexts of retailing, fast moving consumer goods, automotive, aviation, logistics, CEP (Courier Express & Parcel), cold chain, pharmaceutical, healthcare, fashion and apparel.

To promote research activities toward RFID technology, the GRFLA also proposed a new international scientific journal, called the "*International Journal of RF Technologies: Research and Applications*". The journal was published by Taylor&Francis, and was edited by prof. Bill Hardgrave, executive director of the Information Technology Research Institute and director of the RFID Research Center with the University of Arkansas' Sam M. Walton College of Business. The journal received a great attention by researchers, and published the first number in 2009, with 4 issues per year. In 2010, due to a transfer of ownership, the journal will be published by IOS Press (www.iospress.nl), and will be edited by prof. Antonio Rizzi, head of the RFID Lab at the University of Parma.

The alliance was headed by prof. Antonio Rizzi of the University of Parma for the first three years of activity (2007-09). Starting from January, Dieter Uckelmann, manager of the LogDynamics Lab at the University of Bremen has been appointed as GRFLA president for years 2010-2012

With the increasing interest in RFID technology, the members of GRFLA welcome new RFID research centers to join the alliance. In particular, about two labs per year will be considered to be admitted in the GRFLA, up to a maximum size of 20 members. New members are expected to participate actively in the research activities and to financially support their own involvement, although joining the GRFLA does not require an annual fee. Both academics and industrial labs will be considered. To demonstrate their research activity toward RFID technology, the proponents should have at least two papers published (or awaiting for publication) on the "*International Journal of RF Technologies: Research and Applications*".

For further information concerning the GRFLA and participation mechanisms, please visit:

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