Hi there,

Welcome to the April 2020 edition of the LIRA newsletter. In this month’s newsletter, we have information on UKRAS20 conference, opportunities with the MOD and the latest updates from RAMP...

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**UKRAS20 proceedings now available**

Papers and proceedings from the UKRAS20 conference, ‘Robots into the Real World’, are now available. You can browse all the papers and download the proceedings from the [UKRAS website](#).

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**Opportunities with the MOD**

The UK Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) is offering several opportunities for literature studies and futures evaluations on topics relating to robotics. The four project areas are: Bio-inspired and soft robotics; Multi-domain robotics; Micro- and nano-
robotics; and 3D printed, origami and shape changing robotics. If you are interested in bidding, please send your name, address, tel. number and email to acbaker@dstl.gov.uk and csmith2@dstl.gov.uk.

**SARS-CoV-2 CT-Scan dataset paper published by LIRA members**

LIRA members have published a paper on recent findings observing image patterns on computed tomography (CT) for patients infected by SARS-CoV-2. [Click here to read more.](#)

**Latest updates from RAMP**

The Royal Society has launched a new homepage and forums for its Rapid Assistance in Modelling the Pandemic (RAMP) project. For regular updates, [Click here to visit the website](#). You can also join the RAMP forums: [Click here to join the RAMP forum](#).

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**Opportunities**

**UKRI Get funding for ideas that address COVID-19**
UKRI has announced an open funding call available for short-term projects addressing and mitigating the health, social, economic, cultural and environmental impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. Researches who hold an existing UKRI standard grant can consider repurposing their funding. For more information, see the UKRI website.

**CLAIRE Taskforce on COVID-19**

The CLAIRE network has set up a website which compiles existing initiatives by which AI and other emerging technologies are contributing in the fight against COVID-19. There is information on current funding opportunities. You can also sign up as a volunteer or submit initiatives using AI to tackle COVID-19. For more information, click here.

**Design and Synthesis of Chemicals and Materials**

EPSRC A13SD Network Plus has announced a second funding call with the focus on Design and Synthesis of Chemicals and Materials. The deadline for applications is 19th December 2020. For more information, see the EPSRC website.

**UKRI GCRF Collective Programme**

The UKRI has also announced its GCRF Collective Programme – a series of calls designed to enhance the overall impact across six strategic challenge portfolios including: cities and sustainable infrastructure; education; food systems; global health; resilience; and security. Find out more.

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