

ALUMNI PANEL



Lorenzo Flückiger (MSc MT 1994 & PhD MT 1998) - Senior Roboticist with the Intelligent Robotics Group at the NASA Ames Research Center

Lorenzo Flückiger earned a PhD in robotics from EPFL in 1998. Following a postdoctoral research fellowship at NASA Ames on a novel haptic device, he joined Ames' Intelligent Robotics Group in 2001. Since then, he contributed to several applied robotic research projects for space exploration, including multiple robotic field tests taking place at different remote Earth locations. During the past 4 years, Lorenzo Flückiger was the Flight Software Lead for the Astrobeer project, which delivered three autonomous free-flyer robots to the International Space Station. He now embarks on a new Lunar Rover project scheduled to land in 2022.



Jean-Philippe Fricker (MSc EL 1993) - Co-Founder and Chief System Architect at Cerebras Systems

Jean-Philippe Fricker is Chief System Architect at Cerebras Systems. Before co-founding Cerebras, he was Senior Hardware Architect at rack-scale flash array startup DSSD (acquired by EMC). Prior to DSSD, he was Lead System Architect at SeaMicro where he designed three generations of fabric-based computer systems. Earlier in his career, Jean-Philippe Fricker was Director of Hardware Engineering at Alcatel-Lucent and Director of Hardware Engineering at Riverstone Networks. He holds an MSc in Electrical Engineering from EPFL and has authored 24 patents.



Ana Jovicic (PhD SV 2011) - Scientist at Genentech

After receiving a diploma in 2005 in Molecular Biology and Physiology from the University of Belgrade in Serbia, Ana Jovicic did her PhD in Neuroscience at EPFL and graduated in 2011. Then she moved to California in 2012 to do a Post doc in Genetics at Stanford University. She now works at Genentech, a biotechnology company, as a Scientist.



Igor Perisic (MSc MA 1991) - Chief Data Officer and VP of Engineering at LinkedIn

Igor Perisic received a diploma in Mathematics from EPFL in 1991, followed by a PhD in statistics from Harvard University. He started his career in industry in Silicon Valley first with the software start-up Entopia before going back to academia for a one-year postdoc at Stanford University. After a second start-up experience as the CTO of healthline.com – a health information website – Igor Perisic joined Microsoft as a product manager in their research unit. In October 2007, he joined the then-4-year old company LinkedIn as the engineering director in charge of the search engine, algorithmic recommendations for website customization and data infrastructure. He currently holds the position of Chief Data Officer & Vice President Engineering at LinkedIn.