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#### ITALIAN ROBOTS COMPETE ON SOCCER FIELD, DANCE FLOOR

(ANSA) - Rome, March 15 - Robots vying for this year's RoboCup in Singapore are competing on a soccer field and dance floor at a Rome school this week.

Robots built by high-school students will vie for the City of Rome Robotics Trophy on Thursday and Friday and the winners will be honoured at city hall on Saturday.

A third category in the schools category is devoted to 'rescue bots'.

Also on show will be robots for social, medical and teaching purposes, organisers said Monday.

Most of these have been built by research labs and universities but one, a hand-clapping bot to help disabled children, is the work of a Rome technical school.

Other highlights on view at the Galileo Galilei high school will be a laboratory for analysing movements, conceived by the mechanics and aeronautics departments of Rome's La Sapienza University for the Bambin Gesù children's hospital; and a robot therapist designed by Rome's Biomedical Campus University for long-distance rehabilitation of higher-limb function in neurological patients.

This year's RoboCup takes place in Singapore from June 19-25.

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