

Message from the ECC13 General Chair



On behalf of the European Control Association (EUCA) and the Conference Organizing Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 12th European Control Conference. Each day the conference is focused on a particular theme

- Computation
- Energy
- Biology

This is reflected in the plenary, the two semi-plenaries and the tutorial sessions of that day.

We received 1364 paper submissions, from which the International Program Committee selected 759, which were grouped into 111 regular, 17 invited and 7 tutorial sessions. Four pre-conference workshops round out the program. Laboratory tours are also offered, where you can learn first hand about the research going on at ETH.

The European Control Association was founded in 1990. Its first initiative was to establish a series of conferences. The European Control Conference (ECC) has been held bi-annually since 1991, the first one in Grenoble under the general chairmanship of Prof. Ioan Landau. He also served as the first Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Control (EJCON), which published its premiere issue in 1995.

In 2011, when I took over as president of EUCA, it was time to reflect on the experience gained from the vision of my predecessors and the incredible effort they and their teams had put into EUCA, the ECC and the EJCON. We decided on a major overhaul.

EUCA is now an Association under Swiss law with a new set of statutes and membership open to all countries in Europe. A small EUCA Council is authorized to make many day-to-day decisions and can react nimbly and efficiently.

Starting this year, the ECC will take place annually. We expect that it will assume a fixed place on the calendar of the systems and control researchers in Europe and abroad. The ECC proceedings will be available on IEEE Xplore. The proceedings of previous ECCs will also be accessible there. An exception are the proceedings of the first three ECCs, which took place in Grenoble, Groningen and Rome and are available in printed form only. They have been digitized by Google Books and can be accessed there free of charge.

We were also able to negotiate a new publishing contract with Elsevier for the EJCON. The editors, authors and readers can now fully benefit from Elsevier's excellent infrastructure and distribution system. Prof. Sergio Bittanti, who held up the quality of the journal and put in an enormous effort over the last decade as Editor-in-Chief, decided to step down. I would like to thank him here specifically for his invaluable contributions. We are delighted that Prof. Alessandro Astolfi agreed to be his successor.

All these changes in EUCA and the EJCON, and the organization of ECC13 were only possible thanks to the help of a wonderful group of people at ETH and elsewhere, their initiative and enthusiasm and the countless hours they spent to make all this a success.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors for their generous support.

I wish you a rewarding conference and an enjoyable stay in Zurich.

Manfred Morari
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