

# The European Journal of Control – A New Beginning



The European Journal of Control is undergoing important changes:

- Starting from January 2013 (Issue 19/1), and following a long negotiation with Lavoisier, the journal is published by Elsevier, see:

[www.journals.elsevier.com/european-journal-of-control](http://www.journals.elsevier.com/european-journal-of-control)

- Current and past issues of the journal are available at

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/09473580>

- Submissions are accepted on-line, using the Elsevier system (EES) at

<http://ees.elsevier.com/ejcon>

Sergio Bittanti, who has guided the journal for over a decade, has recently decided to step down from his role of Editor-in-Chief. It is an honour for me to have been selected as Sergio's successor. While it will be difficult to match Sergio's dedication and vision, I will try my best to strengthen the position of the journal in the systems and control area.

I have initiated my work as Editor-in-Chief by organizing a special issue: "The path of control: from ideas to funding, to industrial successes", which will be distributed to all participants of the ECC13. I hope you will enjoy reading it!

My goals as Editor-in-Chief are:

- To streamline the review process and to reduce the decision time, thus establishing the EJCON as a venue for fast publication (without however sacrificing quality);
- To attract mainstream control contributions and non-standard contributions, for example from industry or funding agencies, and to push the boundaries of the EJCON's *remit* to areas close to control, for example robotics, signal processing, and communications;
- To improve the bibliometric indicators. I plan however to achieve this as a natural consequence of meeting the previous two goals.

In my work as Editor-in-Chief I will be supported by a large group of people. In particular, Sergio Bittanti, who remains on board as Advisory Editor, an outstanding group of Associate Editors and Editors-at-Large ... and of course the authors, the reviewers and the readers.

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