Editorial

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the fourth and final issue of the IEEE SMC Society eNewsletter for 2022!

This is also my final issue as the Editor-in-Chief. As I will be the Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems in 2023, Prof. Tiago H. Falk from the Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS) in Montreal, Canada, will succeed me as the Editor-in-Chief of the SMCS eNewsLetter in 2023. I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Society leadership and all members for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve the Society. I also give my warmest welcome to Tiago, and believe he will do an excellent job to further increase the influence of the eNewsLetter.

Next, some good news to share. Our BoG members-at-large, Prof. Daoyi Dong, and three Editor-in-Chiefs, Profs. Bin Hu, David Kaber and Dongrui Wu, were elevated to IEEE Fellow Class 2023. Congratulations!

Prof. Tingwen Huang from Texas A&M University at Qatar will succeed Prof. Haibin Zhu as the Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE SMC Magazine in 2023. Congratulations!

SMC member Dr. Jan van Erp and his Team i-Botics won 5th place in the International ANA Avatar XPRIZE Competition! This is the same team that received the Franklin V. Taylor Memorial Award for the best oral presentation and paper at the SMC 2022 Conference in Prague in October. Double Congratulations!

It was recently determined that our flagship conference, IEEE SMC 2025, will be held in Vienna, Austria in October 5-8, 2025. Please also mark your calendar for IEEE SMC 2023 (Maui, Hawaii, October 1-4, 2023) and IEEE SMC 2024 (Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, October 2024). Hope more friends can meet face-to-face then!

We are calling for contributions to the Wiley-IEEE Press Book Series on Human-Machine Systems, two special issues of the IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems, one special issue of the IEEE Open Journal of Systems Engineering, and the newly established IEEE Transactions on Industrial Cyber-Physical Systems. Please consider submitting your best work to them.

Thanks again for your support during the past two years! Take care and keep in touch!

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