

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the June issue of our 2025 SMCS eNewsletter. I can't believe we are halfway through the year already. At this time, many of you should be wrapping up your reviews for the SMC 2025 conference, which is showing signs that it will be an excellent event, with 2000+ submissions! Thank you for your support in making our flagship conference a great success and I hope to see many of you in person in Vienna in October!

In this Issue, you will find a Feature Article titled “*Multi-Agent Systems Meet Large Language Models: Architectures, Synergies, and Future Directions*,” where authors Qimeng Li, Raffaele Gravina, and Giancarlo Fortino describe the challenges and opportunities that will arise with collective intelligence systems that merge multi-agent systems with LLMs. Next, in the “Academic Corner” column, Associate Editor Hang Su interviews Dr. Yaoping Hu and Dr. Antonio Guerrieri, two very active SMC members. In the “Student Corner” column, Associate Editors Chun Sing Lai and Anderson Avila interview Dr. Putra, a recent graduate from Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (Indonesia), and student member Mr. Rici (Brazil), who has been very active within the Society. In the “Industry Corner” column, Associate Editor Debdeep Paul interviews Dr. Christoph Guger, founder and CEO of g.tec, a major global player in the brain-computer interface (BCI) and neurotechnology marketplace. In this interview, Dr. Guger provides insights on current challenges and opportunities in BCIs, along with great advice for young researchers wishing to enter the field, including attending our annual BR41N.IO BCI hackathon at the flagship SMC conference. We hope you enjoy these interviews!

For News items, we welcome new SMCS Chapters in Hong Kong, Chengdu, UAE, and New South Wales, as well as Student Chapters in Jordan and Tunisia, we provide reports on several Distinguished Lectures, and present Calls for Nominations from the Awards, Nominations, and EiC committees. Finally, we present several Call for Papers and Call for Participation to our society's leading conferences and summer schools, as well as two calls for submissions to Special Issues for the SMCS Systems and HMS Transactions.

I hope you enjoy this June issue of the SMCS eNewsletter. If you have any suggestions for improvements or material you'd like to see shared with the SMC membership, please let us know. I look forward to sharing your accomplishments and exciting news to the SMC membership this year.

Lastly, we are also always on the lookout for new volunteers, especially student members, to help us prepare new and engaging material for the newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out!

In closing, I wish those in the northern hemisphere a great summer, and those in the south, a great winter! Hope to see many of you in Vienna in October at SMC 2025!



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