

IEEE SMC Society Events @ SMC2025

From October 6 to 8, 2025, the IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC) Society hosted a wide range of events at **IEEE SMC 2025**, held in **Vienna, Austria**. Organized by the **Membership and Student Activities Committee (MSAC)**, these initiatives celebrated collaboration, inclusion, and mentorship within the SMC community, offering valuable opportunities for members at every career stage.

You can find more information about the events at the page below.

For more information about the **Membership and Student Activities Committee** and its initiatives, please visit:

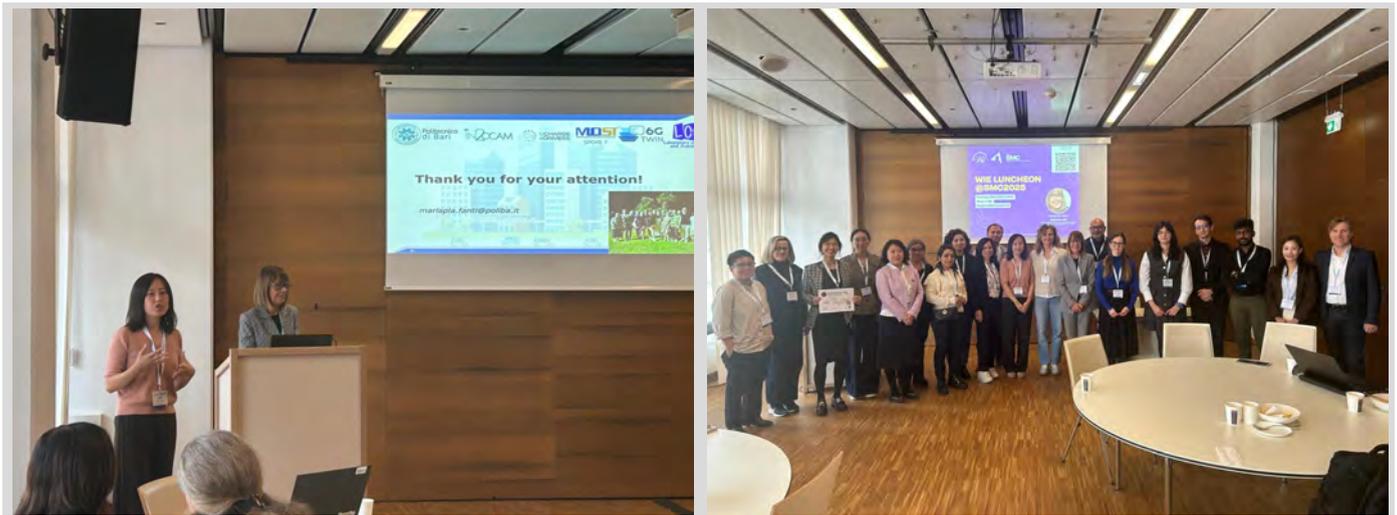
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Women in Engineering (WIE) Luncheon

6 October 2025 | 13:00–14:00 | Room 1.86

The conference opened with the **Women in Engineering (WIE) Luncheon**, chaired by *Prof. Yan Wan* (SMC WiE Liaison) and *Prof. Mariagrazia Dotoli* (Vice President for Membership and Student Activities). The event celebrated women's achievements in engineering and fostered cross-disciplinary dialogue.

Prof. Maria Pia Fanti delivered the keynote talk, "Artificial Intelligence Approaches for Integrating Cooperative, Connected, and Automated Mobility in Urban Traffic." *Prof. Ying (Gina) Tang* introduced **SMC 2026** which will be held in Bellevue, WA, USA. Attendees shared perspectives on the evolving needs of women in STEM and future WiE activities.

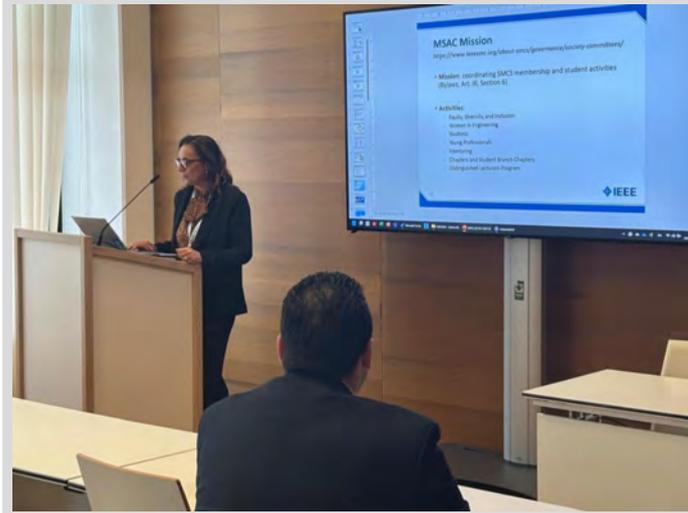


Prof. Yan Wan and Prof. Maria Pia Fanti during the WIE Luncheon (left) and group photo of attendees (right).

IEEE SMC Chapters Get Together

7 October 2025 | 16:00–17:00 | Room 1.85

Following last year's success, the **Chapters Get Together** once again brought together SMC Chapter Chairs and volunteers from around the world. *Prof. Mariagrazia Dotoli* (Vice President for Membership and Student Activities) and *Dr. Paolo Scarabaggio* (Chair of the Student Activities Subcommittee) discussed strategies for establishing new Chapters and Student Branch Chapters, presented Society support mechanisms, and introduced financial opportunities for chapter development, including start-up and activity grants. The session concluded with best-practice sharing from thriving chapters worldwide, including a presentation by *Prof. Chao Shen*, Chair of the IEEE Xi'an Section Joint Chapter.



Prof. Mariagrazia Dotoli (top left) leading the Chapters Get Together; *Prof. Chao Shen* presenting the Xi'an Chapter contributions (top right); presentation of the Kuberknots project (bottom left); and active audience participation (bottom right).

IEEE SMC Mentorship Meet-Up

7 October 2025 | 17:00–18:00 | Room 1.85

The **Mentorship Meet-Up**, chaired by *Prof. Raffaele Carli* (Chair, SMC Mentorship Subcommittee), created a space for students and young professionals to connect with SMC leaders and receive career guidance. Opening remarks by *Prof. Mariagrazia Dotoli* set the tone for an inspiring session focused on mentorship as a pillar of professional growth. *Prof. Adrian Stoica* (SMC President), together with *Profs. Ljiljana Trajkovic, Ferat Sahin, Vladik Kreinovich, and Janusz Kacprzyk*, shared insights on career development in academia and industry.



Prof. Raffaele Carli chairing the Mentorship session (top left), together with SMC leaders — including SMC President Adrian Stoica (top right), Ferat Sahin (top left), Janusz Kacprzyk (center left), Vladik Kreinovich (center right), Ljiljana Trajkovic (bottom left), and — engaging with participants during the Mentorship Meet-Up (bottom right).

Newcomers' Aperitif

7 October 2025 | 18:00–19:00 | In front of Room 1.85

Immediately after the Mentorship session, the **Newcomers' Aperitif** took place — a relaxed networking event designed to welcome first-time attendees to the SMC community. Participants enjoyed refreshments and interacted with SMC leaders in an informal setting that encouraged new connections and collaboration.



Participants enjoying the Newcomers' Aperitif and welcoming new colleagues.

Lunch with Leaders

8 October 2025 | 13:00–14:30 | Room 1.86

One of the most anticipated events, the **Lunch with Leaders**, offered students and young professionals the chance to engage in informal roundtable discussions with SMC and industry leaders.



Students and young professionals engaging with SMC leaders during the Lunch with Leaders event.

SMCS Volunteering Corner

Throughout the exhibition days, the **SMCS Volunteering Corner** welcomed attendees interested in joining the Society's activities and committees sharing information on volunteering opportunities and ways to contribute to SMC initiatives.



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The SMCS Volunteering Corner (left) with Drs. Paolo Scarabaggio and Nicola Mignoni, and the QR code to follow the SMC groups on LinkedIn (right).