

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the June issue of our 2026 SMCS quarterly eNewsletter. We have a full issue for you with lots of updates from our members! We should also be hearing soon from the final reviews for SMC 2026, and I hope to see many of you in Bellevue in early October! Until then, enjoy your summer/winter breaks!

In this Issue, Dr. Shruti Kshirsagar presents a Feature Article titled *Trustworthy AI for Safety-Critical Perception and Decision Systems*, where she provides an overview of trustworthy AI for safety-critical systems, tracing the field from its motivating challenges through emerging technical foundations to open research questions and exemplary applications.

Next, in the “Academic Corner” column, Prof. Vladik Kreinovich provides some mentorship advice for new faculty members. This is followed by two interviews conducted by Associate Editor Hang Su with Dr. Balint Varga and Prof. Antonia Tzemanaki. In the “Industry Corner” column, Associate Editor Debdeep Paul interviews Andrea Lops from WideVerse. We hope you enjoy these interviews!

In the “Student Corner” column, it is my great pleasure to welcome our new Student Associate Editor Oluwatosin Kolade who will work alongside AE Anderson Avila to provide our student members with more educational, humorous, and engaging content. You’ll see three new contributions from Mr. Kolade in this issue. Let us know what you think. And if you are a student interested in joining us in creating content that is relevant for our student members, please reach out!

For News items, we welcome several new SMCS Chapters and Student Chapters; we provide reports on several Distinguished Lectures, on recent awards received by our members, several Calls and Announcements that are of interest to SMCS members, as well as several reports about SMCS-sponsored conferences and events. Finally, we present several Call for Papers and Call for Participation to our society’s leading conferences, workshops, symposia, and summer schools, as well as Special Issue announcement for the IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics.

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.



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