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Guidance and Control of Underwater Vehicles (GCUV2003) IFAC Workshop

Newport, Wales, UK, 9 - 11 April, 2003

The 1st IFAC Workshop on Guidance and Control of Underwater Vehicles – GCUV2003 was held at the University of Wales College, Newport, UK 9–11 April 2003. The aim of the Workshop was to bring together academic practitioners and industrialists involved in this important and expanding area of interest in order to exchange experiences on recent advances in this field.

The Workshop comprised 39 papers and three Plenary Addresses. In the first Plenary Address: Marine robots for ocean exploration; theoretical challenges and practical issues, Antonio Pascoal (Institute Superior Technical, Portugal) presented an excellent, illustrated exposition, on the interplay between theory and practice, key concepts and challenges in navigation, guidance and control of marine robotics, with an emphasis on cooperation with marine scientists. Jas Singh (Systems Engineering & Assessment, UK) presented the second Plenary Address where he outlined the UK Ministry of Defence's new Battlespace Access Unmanned Underwater Vehicles project. The third Plenary Address, presented by Laurie Linnet (Fortkey Ltd., UK), concerned UUV-based innovative vision techniques for information retrieval.

In addition to the three Plenary Addresses, the workshop consisted of eight regular sessions and a multimedia/demonstration session. Topics covered included UUV Control Applications, System Identification, UUV Architectures, Navigation, Modelling, Fault Detection and Reconfiguration. Countries represented by the 65 authors and delegates were: Croatia, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, USA and the UK.

The Workshop was sponsored by the TC on Marine Systems and co-sponsored by the TC on Intelligent Autonomous Vehicles. Local sponsorship came from the Welsh Development Agency (WDA), The Society for Underwater Technology (SUT), The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) and the Office of Naval Research (UK Field Office).

An innovative aspect of the Workshop was the new form of presentation, which the organizers called the Multimedia/Demonstration Session. The Multimedia/Demonstration Session provided the opportunity for delegates to present practical results. i.e. video and simulation studies and demonstrations of laboratory-based simulations and laboratorybased UUVs, which could not easily be presented within the confines of a twenty minute regular paper presentation. Nine papers were specially elected for this session and were joined by demonstrations of *Subzero* (Southampton University), *URIS* (University of Girona), *Falcon* (Seaeye Marine Ltd.) and *Archerfish* (BAe Systems) UUVs. The IMarEST prize for the best paper by a young author was awarded to James Kinsey (Johns Hopkins University, USA) for his paper with Louis Whitcomb entitled: *Preliminary filed experience with the DVLNAV integrated navigation system for manned and unmanned submersibles.*



James Kinsey

The SUT prize for the best multimedia paper presentation was awarded to Edwin Omerdic (University of Wales, Newport. UK) for his paper with Geoff Roberts entitled: *Thruster fault* accommodation and reconfiguration for underwater vehicles.



Edwin Omerdic

The Workshop was voted a resounding success by all delegates and in the light of this vote of confidence the TC on Marine Systems is planning to run this event again in 2005, with the slightly amended title of Navigation, Guidance and Control of Underwater Vehicles (NGCUV2005). The venue for NGCUV2005 will be decided at the September TC meeting at MCMC'03.

Professor G N Roberts, NOC Chair, University of Wales, Newport, UK.Professor R Sutton, IPC Chair, The University of Plymouth, UK.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE HAROLD CHESTNUT CONTROL ENGINEERING TEXTBOOK PRIZE

The Harold Chestnut Control Engineering Textbook Prize Selection Committee of the International Federation for Automatic Control (IFAC) calls for nominations for the Triennial Harold Chestnut Control Engineering Textbook Prize.

The Prize is awarded to the author(s) of a control engineering textbook that has contributed most to the education of control engineers.

The Prize, consisting of a monetary award and a certificate, will be presented at the Closing Ceremony of the 16th IFAC World Congress that will be held in Prague in 2005.

Nominations must meet the submission criteria as follows:

1. book to be written in one of the official IFAC languages, preferably in English; and

2. book to be published between September 1, 1996 and July 31, 2002.

Nominations must include:

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b) Evidence of the contribution of the textbook to the education of control engineers; and

c) Any additional information that may support the judging process, such as a book review, a letter of support by the publisher, a list of universities that have adopted the book for teaching purposes, etc.

It is important to note that only those book reviews that have been published by Automatica, Control Engineering Practice or another IFAC affiliated journal within the above mentioned publishing period will be taken into consideration.

If the Prize-winning textbook is written by more than one author, the monetary component of the Prize will be equally split among the authors with each author receiving a certificate.

Please send your nominations to:

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To be considered, nominations must be received by close of business on June 30, 2004

The winner(s) will be notified well in advance to let them plan their attendance at the **Award Ceremony in Prague, 2005.**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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Intelligent Assembly and Disassembly	9 – 11	Romania	e-mail: iad03@icar.pub.ro
IFAC Workshop New Technologies for Automation of the Metallurgical Industry	October 11 – 13	Shanghai China	http://www.baosight.com/ifac03 e-mail: wangwei@dlut.edu.cn
EPS/IFAC/AAPS Int. Conference Accelerator and Large Experimental Physics Control Systems – ICALEPCS 2003	October 13 – 17	Gyeongju Korea	http://icalepcs2003.postech.ac.kr/ e-mail: icalepcs2003@icalepcs2003.postech.ac.k

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IFAC/(CIGR) Workshop 5 th	March	Cairo	http://www.claes.sci.eg/aia04
Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture	8-10	Egypt	e-mail: soliman@mail.claes.sci.eg
IFAC Symposium	March 28 – 31	Nancy	http://www.ensic.inpl-nancy.fr/CAB9/
Computer Applications in Biotechnology		France	e-mail: cab9@ensic.inpl-nancy.fr
IFAC Symposium 11 th Information Control Problems in Manufacturing – INCOM 2004	April 5 – 7	Salvador Brazil	http://www.eletro.ufrgs.br/incom2004/ e-mail: cpereira@eletro.ufrgs.br
IFAC Symposium	April	Salerno	http://www.ifac04.unisa.it
Advances in Automotive Control	19 – 23	Italy	e-mail: ifac04@unisa.it
IFAC Symposium	June	Gatineau	http://www.tu-berlin.de/~metel/ifac-lca/
Cost Oriented Automation	7 – 9	Canada	e-mail: heinz.erbe@tu-berlin.de
IFAC Symposium	June	St. Petersburg	http://aca2004.aanet.ru
Automatic Control in Aerospace	14 – 18	Russia	e-mail: aca2004@aanet.ru
IFAC Symposium Telematics Applications in Automation and Robotics – TA 2004	June 21 – 23	Helsinki Finland	http://www.automaatioseura.fi/TA04 e-mail: office@atu.fi
American Control Conference	June 30	Boston	http://www.mie.uiuc.edu/acc2004/index.asp
– in co-operation with IFAC –	July 2	MA, USA	e-mail: speyer@seas.ucla.edu
IFAC Symposium	July	Lisbon	http://iav04.isr.ist.utl.pt
Intelligent Autonomous Vehicles – IAV 2004	5 – 7	Portugal	e-mail: iav04@isr.ist.utl.pt
IFAC Symposium Dynamics and Control of Process Systems – DYCOPS-7	July 5 – 7	Cambridge MA, USA	http:// n o t y e t a v a i l a b l e e-mail: not yet available
IFAC Conference Control Applications in Marine Systems – CAMS 2004	July 7 – 9	Ancona Italy	http://cams04.unian.it e-mail: cams04@unian.it
IFAC Workshop Fractional Differentiation and its Applications – FDA '04	July 19 – 20	Bordeaux France	http://www.lap.u-bordeaux.fr/fda04/home.html e-mail: fda04@lap.u-bordeaux.fr
Asian Control Conference (5th)	July	Melbourne	http://ascc2004.ee.mu.oz.au
– in co-operation with IFAC –	20 – 23	Australia	e-mail: ascc@ee.mu.oz.au
IFAC Symposium	July	Osaka	http://www-watt.mech.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/lss04/
Large Scale Systems: Theory and Applications	26 – 28	Japan	e-mail: ifac-lss04@watt.mech.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp
IFAC Symposium	July	Redlands	http://newton.uor.edu/facultyfolder/mahmoud_kaboudan/sme_2004/
Modeling and Control of Economic Systems	28 – 31	CA, USA	e-mail: not yet available
IFAC Workshops on – Adaptation and Learning in Control and Signal Processing – ALCOSP	August 30 –	Yokohama	http://www.contr.sd.keio.ac.jp/ifacws04/main.htm e-mail: katayama@amp.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp
- Periodic Control Systems - PSYCO	September 1	Japan	e-mail: sano@sd.keio.ac.jp
IFAC Symposium 6 th	September	Stuttgart	http://www.nolcos2004.uni-stuttgart.de
Nonlinear Control Systems – NOLCOS'04	1 – 3	Germany	e-mail: nolcos2004@ist.uni-stuttgart.de
IFAC Multitrack Conference Advanced Control Strategies for Social and Economic Systems	September 2-4	Vienna Austria	http://www.ihrt.tuwien.ac.at/acs04 e-mail: kopacek@ihrt.tuwien.ac.at
IFAC Symposium	September	Sydney	http://rumi.newcastle.edu.au/mech2004/
Mechatronic Systems	6 – 8	Australia	e-mail: mechatronics2004@ee.newcastle.edu.au
IFAC Workshop 5th	September 6 – 8	Leuven	http:// not yet available
Time Delay Systems		Belgium	e-mail: wim.michels@cs.kuleuven.ac.be
IFAC Symposium 11 th Automation in Mining, Mineral and Metal Processing – MMM 2004	September 8 – 10	Nancy France	http://www.cran.uhp-nancy.fr/ifac-mmm2004/ e-mail: mmm2004@cran.uhp-nancy.fr
IFAC Workshop 2 nd	September	Oulu	http://www.ntsat.oulu.fi/
Advanced Fuzzy/Neural Control	16 – 17	Finland	e-mail: office@atu.fi
IFAC Workshop	September	Reims	http://www.univ-reims.fr/wodes04
Discrete Event Systems	22 – 24	France	e-mail: wodes04@univ-reims.fr
IFAC Symposium	December 8 – 10	Oaxaca	http://sssc04.cinvestav.mx
System Structure and Control		Mexico	e-mail: jtorres@cinvestav.mx
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American Control Conference	June	Portland	http: not yet available
– in co-operation with IFAC –	8 – 10	OR, USA	e-mail: SJayasuriya@mengr.tamu.edu
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