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IFAC '96 on CD-ROM

The idea of putting the material of IFAC Congresses and Symposia on CD-ROMs (compact optical disks), instead of paper, first came up in 1991. Meanwhile, computers with CD-ROM readers have become more affordable. So the National Organizing Committee of the San Francisco Congress gave the matter some serious consideration – and concluded that, by 1996, the time may be ripe for this innovation.

Two questions, though, needed to be answered. The first, whether it was not just the biased perception of a bunch of Americans that CD-ROM readers are available at most places of the world where control engineers want access to the congress papers. The second, how the serious session-goer could be provided with the papers of his/her interest at the congress. The idea that computers on the spot could print out individual papers for everybody, according to personal wishes, was deemed premature. Instead, it was suggested that printed volumes should also be produced, arranged by technical subjects, and each participant should be able to choose a small subset of those volumes. By the kind assistance of the TB Chairman, Vladimir Kucera, members of the Technical Board and Chairmen of the Technical Committees were polled on these questions and replies were received from 30 persons. About two thirds felt that the control engineering community was getting ready for CD-ROMs while an overwhelming majority considered it necessary that a selection of printed volumes be provided as well.

Our friends at Elsevier were kept informed during the whole process and were invited at an early stage to participate. After some initial hesitation, they became enthusiastic supporters of the idea and are now ready to actually prepare and market the CD-ROMs.

As a result of all these discussions, the following arrangements are now in place for the 1996 Congress:

 The full material of the Congress, estimated at about 8000 pages, will be placed on CD-ROMs. The disks will be prepared from the usual camera-ready manuscripts by optical scanning. They will contain their own table of contents, authors' index and subject (keyword) index and will be readable under the three major operating systems (DOS, MAC and UNIX). Each full paying participant of the Congress will receive a copy as part of the registration package. Student participants, who pay a reduced registration fee, will be able to buy a copy at the Congress site. Copies provided to the Congress participant will carry a single user licence. The same CD-ROMs will be marketed by Elsevier after the Congress, as the official Congress Proceedings; these Proceedings copies will carry a library (multiple user) licence.

2. The full material will also be printed in the usual way from camera-ready manuscripts. The printed papers will be arranged in about 15 'subject volumes', each volume containing a thematically coherent part of the material. Congress participants will receive, as part of their registration package, two volumes of their choice and may purchase additional volumes for extra payment. Volume choices made at preregistration will be guaranteed while on-the-spot selections will be satisfied as long as the stocks permit. In addition to the subject volumes, there will be a Plenary and Index Volume that every participant will receive. This will contain the plenary papers, the table of contents, authors' index and subject (keyword) index for the full set of the subject volumes, and instructions concerning the use of the compact disks.

The organizers and the publisher do hope that the significant extra effort needed to implement this scheme will pay off, in terms of the satisfaction of the congress participants and of the entire control engineering community. They also trust that what is an experiment today will prove to be the wave of the future.

Janos Gertler Chairman, IFAC Publications Managing Board Publications Manager, IFAC '96 NOC

International Program Committee for the IFAC World Congress in San Francisco 1996

The 1996 Triennial World Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control will be held at the Marriott Hotel in San Francisco, California, June 29 to July 5, 1996. Two days of tutorial workshops are planned before the formal opening of the Congress. Workshops on June 29 will be basic, and it is intended to update control engineers and scientists on important developments during the triennium. The Workshops on June 30 will be more advanced but they will be tutorial in nature. Formal opening of the Congress will be on Sunday afternoon, June 30, followed by a reception.

Each of the five days, July 1 - 5, will start with a plenary lecture of broad significance and interest. These are followed by three sessions per day, with up to 17 parallel sessions per day. There will be poster sessions. The Congress will be divided into nine mini-symposia covering all areas within the

scope of the 46 IFAC Technical Committees. The mini symposia will include survey papers, invited sessions, panel discussions, poster sessions, and case studies, as appropriate. Up to 1300 papers (total for lecture and poster type) may be accepted. Each paper will be limited to six pages of the proceedings, whether lecture or poster session type.

The deadline for submission of papers is June 30, 1995. Other details will appear in a Call for Papers to be distributed shortly.

The final program is expected to be completed at the December 1995 meeting of the International Program Committee at the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC) in New Orleans.

José Cruz, Jr.
IPC Chairman

Intelligent Components and Instruments for Control Applications SICICA '94

IFAC Symposium Budapest, Hungary June 8 – 10, 1994

The IFAC Technical Committee on Intelligent Components and Instruments organized the second SICICA Symposium in Budapest in June 1994. The Symposium was cosponsored by the IFAC Technical Committees on Application, Computers, Education, and Systems Engineering and by the IMEKO TC on Technical Diagnostics. The annual TC meeting of the main-sponsoring Committee was also held in conjunction with the Symposium on June 9.

The objective of the Symposium was to bring together control system specialists, equipment manufacturers and end users to evaluate the possibilities of different techniques, components and instruments for intelligent control.

The papers presented by the authors covered very interesting and novel areas of intelligent instrumentation such as controllers, sensors, actuators, control theories, applications including robot controls, neural networks, diagnostics AI and knowledge-based control systems. A special invited session was devoted to the problems of intelligent control of industrial processes organized and chaired by Mr. C.W. de Silva.

The International Program Committee (IPC) was composed of 28 experts from 18 countries and chaired by Professor Pedro Albertos, Vice-President of IFAC. The program included four Plenary Sessions, one Invited Session with 5 papers, and 16 Technical Sessions with 81 papers selected by the IPC from 93 abstracts submitted.

Four Plenary Lectures were presented on the following topics: Models and Languages for the Interoperability of Smart Instruments by M. Staroswiecki, Mechatronic Components - Design and Control Aspects by R. Isermann, Fuzzy Control Methodology in the Process Industry by P. Albertos.

The event was attended by 86 participants from 16 countries, with 16 participants from Hungary. Unfortunately, seven registered participants were not able to come and this was the reason for 12 session papers not being presented. Altogether 64 papers were presented by the authors.

IFAC was represented by Professor Pedro Albertos, Vice-President, and Professor Laszlo Keviczky, member of the IFAC Council. The other cosponsoring organization IMEKO was represented by Assoc. Professor Tamas Kemeny, Secretary General of IMEKO.

The Symposium took place in a pleasant hotel in the Buda Hills, in about 20 minutes' distance from the city centre.

We are certain that although the number of participants was lower than at the first Symposium in Malaga/Spain in 1992, the technical program was successful and all the participants and guests enjoyed this short visit to Hungary.

Tamas Boromisza, NOC Chairman

Integration of Process Design and Control

IFAC Workshop Baltimore, MD, USA June 27 – 28, 1994

This Workshop was held in conjunction with the 1994 American Control Conference and was sponsored by the IFAC Working Group on Chemical Process Control and the American Automatic Control Council. It was in essence the second IFAC Workshop in a series, the first, and very successful one having taken place under a slightly different name at the Centre for Process Systems Engineering at the Imperial College, London, in September 1992. The IPC Chair of the first Workshop, was Professor John D. Perkins. He was a plenary speaker at this second Workshop with the presentation 'Optimization as a Tool for Design/Control Interactions', thus guaranteeing continuity.

The existence of interactions between the design of a process and that of its control system has been known to industrial practitioners for a long time. In the past decade, academic research has produced methodologies and tools that begin to address the issue of designing processes that are flexible, can be controlled reliably and are inherently safe. This Workshop brought together academics and practitioners with interest in the integration of process design and control and examined the state of the art in methodologies and applications, The presented papers covered the design of chemical plants at different stages of detail. They also examined control issues from the plantwide level, where, for example, recycles between units can be very important, to the specific unit level, where the availability or selection of measurements might be the most important factor.

The richness of research issues within the theme of the Workshop resulted in about 60 papers being submitted, despite several other related international meetings taking place within a 3-4 week period. Forty papers were presented at the meeting, representing 16 countries, with over two third of the papers contributed by authors from countries other than the host country. There were over 80 participants from 18 countries, with 40 coming from outside the USA. This large international participation is an indicator of the growing worldwide recognition of the importance of the topic that was covered by this Workshop.

Evanghelos Zafiriou IPC Chair

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Transportation Systems: Theory and Application of Advanced Technology

IFAC Symposium

Tianjin, China, 24 – 26 August, 1994

Sponsored by IFAC, cosponsored by IFORS, supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and the State Commission of Education of China, organized by the Chinese Association of Automation and the Tianjin University, the 7th IFAC/IFORS Symposium on Transportation Systems: Theory and Application of Advanced Technology, was held during August 24 - 26, 1994 in Tianjin, China. It was the 7th IFAC Symposium in the series of Transportation Systems: Versaille (France 1970), Monte Carlo (Monaco 1974), Columbus (USA 1976), Baden-Baden (Germany 1983), Vienna (Austria 1986), Paris (France 1989).

The Symposium was a great success with 189 participants from 22 countries and areas and a total of 175 papers presented in 4 parallel sessions over three days. Professor Liu Bao of Tianjin University and Professor Jean Marc Blosseville of the Institut National de Recherche sur les Transports et leur Securité of France were the Co-Chairmen of the International Program Committee. The Chairman of the Organization Committee was Professor Li Guangquan, the President of Tianjin University.

In the Preprints, 200 papers selected from 420 submitted abstracts were published in one plenary session and 34 general sessions. Papers were grouped into the following subfields: Advance Transport Management (2 sessions), New Transportation Models (3 sessions), Road Traffic Management (2 sessions), Urban Traffic Control (3 sessions), Freeway Traffic Control (3 sessions), Motorway Modelling (1 session), Road Network Monitoring (1 session), Road Traffic Safety (1 session), Road Traffic Forecasting (1 session), Road Traffic Automation Systems and Automated Incident Detection Systems for Road Traffic (1 session), Route Guidance for Road Traffic (1 session), New Sensors (2 sessions), Automatic Vehicles (2 sessions), Air Traffic (2 sessions), Maritime Traffic (2 sessions), Rail Traffic (2 sessions), Rail Traffic (2 sessions), Rail Train Control (2 sessions), Human Factors and User Interfaces (1 session). There were 25 no-show authors (12.5 %), thus many sessions were carried out with a full schedule, sessions added some late papers to fill the time left by no-show authors. All participants were

very active in attendance; discussion, comment and questions always followed each presentation.

A round table discussion on optimization used in Transportation Systems was organized by Prof. A.S. Quan of the Institute of Applied Mathematics of the Chinese Academy of Science, during which theorists and practitioners exchanged their knowledge and experience. Both sides benefitted a lot. A report session was held in which Mr. T. Li, the head of the Bureau of Transportation and Energy in the State Planning Commission of China gave a report on the state of the art of transportation systems in China.

More than 30 participants coming from European industry and research institutes attended this session, and questions and answers continued the report until the end of time allotted to the session. At the video show session, four authors showed and recommended their research results on video tape, which seemed to be an effective way to complement their presentations during normal technical sessions, where they were not able to introduce their findings fully due to lack of time and restraints caused by the equipment.

By means of the routing procedure of the IFAC Publications office, the IPC members and session chairpersons selected good papers from those presented in each session, and the final selection for the IFAC Journal Control Engineering Practice was then made by J.M. Blosseville and Bao Liu using the following criteria: good presentation, high quality and (a) work based on really important infrastructure of transportation systems, or (b) new ideas which have been tested with practical data, or (c) a usable solution to some difficult problems in transportation. The balance of fields and countries of the first authors was also considered as an additional criterium when other conditions were equal.

At the farewell dinner party, co-chairman J.M. Blosseville announced on behalf of the Chairman of the IFAC TC on Transportation Systems, J.P. Perrin, that the 8th IFAC Symposium on Transportation Systems will be held in Europe in three years' time.

Bao Liu, IPC Co-Chairman



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Professor Katsuhisa Furuta Member of the IFAC Council

Katsuhisa Furuta was born in Tokyo, Japan, in 1940. He received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Tokyo Institute of Technology in 1962, 1964 and 1967 respectively. His supervisor was the late Professor Keisuke Izawa, who was involved in the foundation of IFAC. Professor Furuta was a post-doctoral fellow at Laval University (Quebec, Canada) from July 1967 to August 1969. Since then he has been on the teaching staff of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Department of Control Engineering, where he is currently a Professor of the Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering.

Katsuhisa Furuta's research interest lies in the areas of linear systems theory, digital control and its application and robot control. He has been interested in the control of inverted pendulums like the swing-up of a single pendulum and stabilization of multiple inverted pendulums, which has been used in many universities as a laboratory experimental apparatus. His group has developed a program package for computer aided control system design named DPACS in 1977, which is used by many industries. He is the author or co-author of six textbooks in Japanese, one of which was translated into English. Its title is 'State Variable Methods in Automatic Control' and was published by John Wiley in 1988.

He received the Paper Award from the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers (Japan) in 1974 and the Aida Technical Award from the Japan Society for Technology of Plasticity in 1992. His present research interests include the discrete-time variable structure system.

In IFAC, Professor Furuta has been involved in several IFAC symposia as IPC member, such as CADCS 1982, 1985, 1988, 1991 and others. He was also the IPC Chairman of the 3rd IFAC Symposium on Advances in Control Education, 1994. He was a Vice-Chairman of the Technical Committee on Education (EDCOM) from 1990 to 1993, and has been a member of the Technical Board since 1993. After the resignation of Professor Atsunobe Ichikawa from the IFAC Council due to his appointment as Commissioner of the National Personal Authority, a high ranking Japanese government position, Professor Furuta was appointed to succeed him in the Council position.

In other academic societies, Professor Furuta is currently serving as chairman of the international committee of the IEEE CS Society from 1992; he was elected member of the IEEE CS Society Board of Governors in 1994 and is a co-chairman of the Program Committee of the IEEE CDC in 1996. He is a senior member of IEEE and a Fellow of the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers (Japan).



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1995 American Control Conference (in cooperation with IFAC)	June 21 – 23	Seattle, WA USA	S.V. min	Prof. M. Tomizuka, Dept. of M.E. University of California Berkeley, CA 94720, USA FAX 510/642 5599 e-mail: tomizuka@euler.berkeley.edu
IFAC Symposium Nonlinear Control Systems Design NOLCOS '95	June 26 – 28	Lake Tahoe CA, USA	Munich Germany Marst, Ft.	Prof. A.J. Krener, Dept. of Mathematics University of California Davis, CA 95616-8633, USA FAX +1/916/752 6635 e-mail: ajkrener@ucdavis.edu
IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA Symposium Analysis, Design, and Evaluation of Man-Machine Systems - MMS '95		Cambridge MA, USA	Cancan	Ms. Veronica Culbert, 3-348 MIT Cambridge, MA 02139, USA FAX +617/253-4196 e-mail: sheridan@mit.edu
IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/SEDC Symposium Modelling and Control of National and Regional Economies	July 2-5	Brisbane Australia	Maxies	Convention Manager (IFAC 95), POB E181 Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600, Australia FAX +61/6/273 2918

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IFAC Conference System Structure and Control	July 5 – 7	Nantes France	MOOHT	Mr. J.J. Loiseau, IFAC CSSC, LAN-ECN, URA CNRS 823, 1, Rue de la N F-44072 Nantes Cedex 03, France
Oct.				FAX +33/40 372522 e-mail: loiseau@lan.ec-nantes.fr
IFIP/IFAC/IFORS Conference (17th) System Modelling and Optimization		Prague CZ	Place	Dr. J. Dolezal Institute of Info Theory and Automation, UTI POB 18, CZ-18208 Prague, Czech Rep. FAX +42/2/824755, e-mail: ifip@utia.cas.cz
IFAC/IFORS/IMACS Symp. (7th) Large Scale Systems: Theory and Applications	July 11 – 13	London UK	ML USA	LSS'95 Secretariat, Control Engineering Cen City University, Northampton Square London ECIV 0HB,UK, FAX +44/71/477 85 e-mail: lss95@city,ac.uk
IFAC Conference Youth Automation YAC '95	August 8 – 10	Beijing China, P.R.	Ascong	YAC'95 Secretariat, Mr. Bin Zhang Chinese Assoc. of Automation ,CAST Co 22 Baiwanzhuang Street Beijing 100037. China, P.R. FAX +86/1/832 6042
IFAC Conference Intelligent Autonomous Control in Aerospace IACA '95	August 14 – 16	Beijing China, P.R.	Brussels Brussels Belgiun	IFAC IACA Conference Secr. Ms. Li Jing, Beijing Inst. of Control Eng. Chinese Acadey of Space Technology POB 2729, Beijing 100080, China, P.R. FAX +86/1/254 3110
ASME/IEEE/IFAC Intl. Conf. Recent Advances in Mechatronics	August 14 – 16	Istanbul Turkey	3 Feb. 1995	Prof. Okyay Kaynak Bogazici University, Dept. of EE UNESCO Chair on Mechatronics 80815 Bebek - Istanbul, Turkey FAX +90/212/257 50 30 e-mail: kaynak@vs6410.cc.boun.edu.tr
IFAC Symposium (8th) Automation in Mining, Mineral and Metal Processing	Aug. 29 – 31	Sun City South Africa	Oct. 1994	MMM 95 Conference Secretariat MINTEK, Private Bag X3015, Randburg 2125, RSA, FAX +27/11 793 2413
1995 European Control Conference (in cooperation with IFAC)	anin53	Rome Italy	Oer <u>muny</u> Wageningen Netherlands	ECC 95 Secretariat D I S, Univ. degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Via Eudossiana 18 1-00184 Rome, Italy, FAX 39/6/44 585367 e-mail: ecc95@itcaspur.caspur.it
IFAC Workshop Control Education and Technology Transfer Issues	Sept. 11 – 12	Curitiba Brazil	13 Jan. 1995	Prof. Marco A. Busetti de Paula Centro Federal de Educacao Tecnologica do Paraná, Av. 7 de Setembro 3165 80230-901 Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil FAX +55/41/224-5170
IFAC Symposium Low Cost Automation	Sept. 13 – 15	Buenos Aires Argentina	15 Nov. 1994	IFAC LCA 95, Eng. A. T. Casucci AADECA, Av. Callao 220 1oB 1022 Buenos Aires, Argentina FAX +54/1/374 37 80
FAC Workshop Human-Oriented Design of Advanced Robotics Systems	Sept. 19 – 20	Vienna Austria	1 April 1995	Prof. P. Kopacek, Technical University /E 318 Floragasse 7 a, A-1040 Vienna, Austria FAX +43/1/504 18 359 e-mail: kopacek@ihrtl.ihrt.tuwien.ac.at
FAC Symposium Automated Systems Based on Human Skills - 'Joint Design of Technology and Organization'	Sept. 25 – 28	Berlin Germany	10 Feb. 1995	VDI/VDE GMA, Graf Recke Strasse 84 D-40239 Düsseldorf, Germany FAX +49/211/6214-161
FAC Workshop Distributed Computer Control Systems DCCS 95	Sept. 27 – 29	Toulouse France	1 March 1995	Prof. A.E.K. Sahraoui, LAAS-CNRS 7, Avenue Colonel Roche F-31077 Toulouse, France, FAX+33/6155357 e-mail: dccs95@laas.fr
FAC Conference Supplemental Ways for Improving International Stability - SWIIS	Sept. 29 – Oct. 1	Vienna Austria	1 April 1995	Dr. Alois Frotschnig, Technical Univ., IHRT Floragasse 7 a, A-1040 Vienna, Austria FAX +43/1/504 18 359 e-mail: alois@ihrtl.ihrt.tuwien.ac.at
FAC/IFORS/IMACS/ISPE Symp. nformation Control Problems in Manufacturing - INCOM 95	Oct. 4-6	Beijing China, P.R.	1 Nov. 1994	INCOM '95 Secretariat Institute of Manufacturing Systems /720) Beijing University of Aero-Astro, POB 85 Beijing 100083, China, P.R. FAX: 86/1/201 5347
FAC Workshop Motion Control	Oct. 9 – 11	Munich Germany	31 Jan. 1995	VDI/VDE GMA, Graf Recke Strasse 84 D-40239 Düsseldorf, Germany FAX: +49/211/6214-161
FAC Workshop Real Time Programming	Nov. 9 – 13	Miami, FL USA	1 July 1995	Dr. Phil Laplante, Dept. Math & Computer Sc Fairleigh Dickinson Univ., 285 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ 07940, USA FAX+1/201 593 8886, e-mail: laplante@fdu.e
IFAC Symposium Control of Power Plants and Power Systems	6 – 8 PV 40 D PS 40 D	Cancun Mexico	2 Dec. 1994	Dr. Roberto Canales/SIPOWER'95 Instituto de Investigaciones Electricas AP 475, Cuernavaca, Mor. 62000, Mexico FAX +52/73/189 535 e-mail: Sifac@iievms1.iiecuer.unam.mx