

## Welcome from the President of the European Union Control Association



On behalf of the European Union Control Association (EUCA), it is my pleasure to welcome you to Orlando and the joint IEEE Conference on Decision and Control and European Control Conference 2011 (CDC-ECC 2011). This is only the second time that these two prestigious conferences have been hosted jointly, and the first time the ECC has been held outside of Europe.

This conference is also a landmark in the history of the EUCA, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. EUCA was founded in 1990 to promote research and education in systems and control within Europe, and held the first ECC in Grenoble, France in 1991 under the chairmanship of Ioan Landau. The biennial ECC has since been hosted in Groningen (1993) under Jan Willems, Rome (1995) under Alberto Isidori, Brussels (1997) under Michel Gevers and Georges Bastin, Karlsruhe (1999) under Paul M. Frank, Porto (2001) under Jorge L. Martins de Carvalho, Cambridge (2003) under Jan Maciejowski and Keith Glover, Seville (2005) under Eduardo Camacho jointly with IEEE-CDC, Kos (2007) under Spyros Tzafestas, and Budapest (2009) under László Keviczky. In 2013 the ECC returns to Europe and will be held in Zurich, Switzerland under the General Chair Manfred Morari.

EUCA also founded the European Journal of Control (EJC) in 1995. Under the leadership of current Editor-in-Chief Sergio Bittanti, the EJC has established itself as one of the leading international journals in systems and control. In addition to regular issues, the EJC publishes occasional special issues, including a special issue of the plenary, semi-plenary and tutorial papers of the current ECC offered to participants in their conference packages.

EUCA is grateful to the Organizing and Program Committees, our partners in the IEEE Control Systems Society, and all of the conference reviewers for their contributions. We would also like to thank you, the participants, for making CDC-ECC 2011 a success, and wish you an enjoyable and fruitful time in Orlando.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at ECC13 in Zurich, Switzerland, July 17-19, 2013.

Laszlo Keviczky , EUCA President

Manfred Morari, EUCA President Elect