

21st Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation

The 2013 Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation (MED 2013), took place in Platanias-Chania, Crete, June 25–28. This conference was the 21st in the series and took place in Chania, the birthplace of the MED conferences, which started in 1993.

The conference venue was the Minoa Palace Resort and Spa, a great hotel on the beach, located in Platanias, a village on the outskirts of Chania. This and all previous MED conferences have been technically cosponsored by the IEEE Control Systems and Robotics and Automation Societies. The Mediterranean Control Association (MCA) is the sponsoring parent organization that oversees all of the MED conferences. MCA was founded in 1998 and is registered in Cyprus as a nonprofit organization.

The technical program was chaired by Nikos Tsourveloudis of the Technical University of Crete. More



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than 320 contributed and invited papers were submitted, of which 248 were accepted. The authors were from 43 countries with the top three countries being Italy, Greece, and the United States. The 212 contributed and 36 invited papers were presented in 48 technical sessions. The 49 members of the International Program Committee served as associate editors, and several hundreds of reviewers worked voluntarily to ensure the scientific quality of the contributions. The conference had 222 registrants.

During the first day, on Tuesday June 25, two tutorials were presented: “Who’s Afraid of Fractional Order Laplace?” and “UAV Autonomy and State-of-the-Art Technologies and Applications in Mediterranean Countries.”

There were four interesting and well-attended keynote addresses by leaders in the field. On Wednesday, June 26, Anibal Ollero of the Universidad de Sevilla, Spain presented “Cooperating UAS: From Information Acquisition to Physical Interactions,” and Frank Lewis of the University of Texas at Arlington, United



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Sunset at the beach at the MED 2013 venue, Minoa Palace Hotel.



Folklore Dancers at the MED 2013 Gala Dinner.

States, discussed “Cooperative Control: Optimality, Differential Games, and Reinforcement Learning on Graphs.” On Thursday, Thomas Parisini of Imperial College London, United Kingdom, and the University of Trieste, Italy, gave a talk “A Distributed Networked Approach to Fault Diagnosis of Large-Scale Systems,” and Petros Ioannou of the University of Southern California, USA discussed

“Robust Adaptive Control: Interpretations, Expectations and Reality.”

There was a welcome reception on Tuesday, the gala dinner on Thursday where a local group demonstrated traditional Cretan dances, and the closing reception on Friday. All events were particularly well attended.

The participants had very positive comments regarding the technical

program, the social program, and the hotel. In 2014, the 22nd MED will take place in Palermo, Sicily, Italy, continuing the MED tradition for interesting venues and strong technical programs.

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