

The 24th Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation

The 24th Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation (MED) was held June 21–24, 2016, at the Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens, Greece. The first MED took place in 1993 in Chania, Greece, and since then MED has been in Cyprus, Italy, France (Corsica), Croatia, Turkey, Israel, Portugal, Morocco, Spain, and several times in Greece (see www.med-control.org for a complete conference list). The 2016 conference returned to Athens after nine years and was held in the same venue as the 2007 MED. The conference was organized under the auspices of the Mediterranean Control Association and had technical support from the IEEE Control System Society, the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, and the ICUAS Association.

The objective of MED is to bring together researchers, scientists, and engineers from the Mediterranean countries in the area of control systems and automation who share technical, cultural, and historical interests. Since the first conference, there has been strong and continuing interest in MED, and the success of recent conferences, including the 2016 one, bear witness to this fact. The conference general organization was chaired by Prof. Panos J. Antsaklis and Prof. Kimon P. Valavanis, and the technical program was chaired by Prof. Didier Theilliol and Prof. Antony Tzes.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM AND PLENARY TALKS

The conference program committee had a very challenging task of choosing high-quality papers. Each paper was peer reviewed by three independent referees on average and was also checked for originality. Conference statistics are as follows:



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- » submitted manuscripts: 321
- » accepted papers: 228
- » acceptance rate: 1.5%
- » requested reviews: 1272
- » received reviews: 713
- » average number of external reviews per submission: 2.52
- » number of attendees: 256.

The program included 37 regular and three invited sessions in five parallel tracks. In addition to the parallel technical sessions, five plenary lectures on the following topics given over the three days of the conference:

- » “Walking and Flying Robots for Challenging Environments” by Prof. Dr. Roland Siegwart, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- » “Unmanned Vehicles Systems—From Necessity to Maturity” by Dr. David Harari, Israeli Aerospace Industries, Israel
- » “How We Can Halt a Runaway Climate” by Prof. Dr. Yannis Phillis, Technical University of Crete, Greece
- » “Uncertainty Randomization in Control Systems” by Prof. Dr.

Roberto Tempo, Politecnico di Torino, Italy

- » “Nonlinear Control Without PDEs” by Prof. Dr. Alessandro Astolfi, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom.

The social agenda included a welcome reception on Tuesday, the gala dinner on Thursday, and the closing reception on Friday. All events were well attended. The participants had very positive comments regarding the technical program, the social program, and the hotel. In 2017, the 25th MED will take place in Malta, continuing the conference tradition for interesting venues and technical content.

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