General Chair’s Message

The Southeastern Symposium on System Theory has provided a forum for the presentation and discussion of research activities in the general area of system theory for the past 28 years. While one of the most important functions of the SSST is to encourage graduate students to present their research results, by no means does this lessen the significance of SSST. A cursory review of past proceedings reveals that many participants have become very well known in their respective fields. I myself made one of my first conference presentations as a graduate student in 1973 at the Fifth SSST, which was sponsored by NC State and Duke Universities and UNC at Chapel Hill.

For the second time in the 90’s, we at Tennessee Tech are pleased to have the privilege of hosting the SSST. The 110 papers that were accepted for presentation have been organized into 25 regular sessions and 5 invited sessions. The research reported in the papers covers topics in systems science, control systems, intelligent systems, communications, circuits and networks, signal processing, power systems, and others. A special thank you is due to all the authors, speakers, reviewers, session organizers and session chairpersons for their support and participation.

The success of any conference depends on the Organizing Committee and support staff. I am particularly fortunate to have the best of both. Although many Tennessee Tech staff members have provided essential support, a special debt of gratitude goes to Ann Porter who has been the focal point for all activities involving members of the Organizing Committee. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors; TTU’s Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Center for Manufacturing Research and Center for Electric Power and IEEE’s Control Systems Society (technical co-sponsorship), and to thank the IEEE Computer Society for their cooperation.

In conclusion, let me welcome you to Cookeville, Tennessee and to the 29th SSST. I hope the conference is an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for everyone.

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General Chair