### Newsletter of the IFAC Technical Committee on Human-Machine-Systems

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Happy new year and best wishes for 2016 hoping to see all colleagues from the humanmachine systems communities at the 13<sup>th</sup> IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA symposium on Design, Analysis, and Evaluation of Human-Machine Systems, Kyoto, August 30 to September 2, 2016! The paper and session submission site is still open: so do not hesitate to submit your sessions and papers on <u>http://www.syn.me.kyoto-u.ac.jp/IFACHMS2016/</u>!

This first 2016 newsletter contains:

- 1. Call for papers and session for the 13<sup>th</sup> IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA symposium on Design, Analysis, and Evaluation of Human-Machine Systems, Kyoto, 2016
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(To publish your TC4.5 related information to the next newsletter, send your proposal by email to Frédéric Vanderhaegen: <a href="mailto:frederic.vanderhaegen@univ-valenciennes.fr">frederic.vanderhaegen@univ-valenciennes.fr</a>)

# 1. Call for papers and session for the 13<sup>th</sup> IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA symposium on Design, Analysis, and Evaluation of Human-Machine Systems, Kyoto, 2016

Relate to several requests, the deadline for submitting regular papers and thematic topic session proposals is postponed to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2016. Final papers for the proposed thematic topic session are required before the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.

This 13<sup>th</sup> IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA symposium on Design, Analysis and Evaluation of Human-Machine Systems will be held at Kyoto from August 30 to September 2, 2016.

The symposium, held every triennium, continued on the success of the previous meetings, started since 1982: Kyoto (Japan, 2016), Las Vegas (USA, 2013), Valenciennes (France, 2010), Seoul (Korea in 2007), Atlanta (USA, 2004), Kassel (Germany, 2001), Kyoto (Japan, 1998), Boston (USA, 1995), The Hague (Netherlands, 1992), Xi'an (China, 1989), Oulu (Finland, 1988), Varese (Italy, 1985) and Baden-Baden (Germany, 1982).

The objective of the symposium was to provide an international forum for the exchange and sharing of the latest scientific and technological developments in human-machine systems research. The symposium highlighted the transformative impacts in research, theory, and application that are the result of recent technological advances. Domains of application included military; process control; medical; and other large, complex, and dynamic systems.

More information about this symposium is available on: <u>http://www.syn.me.kyoto-u.ac.jp/IFACHMS2016/</u>. Paper and session submission have to be done on: <u>https://ifac.papercept.net/conferences/scripts/start.pl</u>.

For corresponding with the symposium organizers, please send an email to: <u>sec-ifachms2016@me.kyoto-u.ac.jp</u>.

## 2. LAWS (Acronym for "Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems" or "Killer robots"): the viewpoint of human-machine systems?

F. Vanderhaegen was invited to an informal meeting of experts to discuss on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS). This meeting was held within the framework of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) from 13 to 17 April 2015 at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. It aimed at providing national delegations with a general state of the art about autonomy in both civil and military applications.

Of course the F. Vanderhaegen's presentation as an expert on human-machine systems and system autonomy focused on concepts such as "Human in the Loop", of "Technology for Human", "Dissonance against Autonomy" or "Resilience of Human-Machine Systems".

The program, the presentations and/or the texts of this meeting are available on: <a href="http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/(httpPages)/6CE049BE22EC75A2C1257C8D00513">http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/(httpPages)/6CE049BE22EC75A2C1257C8D00513</a> E26

This meeting is a nice opportunity to open an interesting discussion in our IFAC TC 4.5 and/or in our IFAC federation, and debate on the autonomy of robots and the human role for validating possible dangerous decisions.

### 3. List of IFAC TC 4.5 members

Find enclosed the final list of our TC 4.5 members. Please, do not hesitate to inform F. Vanderhaegen if some information is wrong, or if new members have to be included.

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Note: our colleague Professor Dr. Andrew P. Sage was removed from our list of IFAC TC members. See the message below of Gunnar Johannsen.

"Your email reminded me to check the List of Members in the TC 4.5. Human-Machine Systems Newsletter. There, Professor Dr. Andrew P. Sage is still listed, without mentioning a sad fact: Professor Dr. Andrew P. Sage died on Oct. 31, 2014, at his home. He was 81. He was Professor of Information Technology and Engineering at George Mason University and the first dean of the School of Information Technology and Engineering. He was one of the great promoters of our TC (e.g., Editor of the Automatica Special Issue on Control Frontiers in Knowledge Based and Man-Machine Systems), Vol. 19 (1983), Issue 6 (Nov), pp. 593-786, <a href="http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00051098/19/6">http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00051098/19/6</a> - a wonderful start with the first event of our MMS/HMS conference series). And he was also a noble mentor for many of us. Here, several URLs follow honoring Andy Sage:

- <u>http://www.ieeesmc.org/publications/enewsletter/192-in-memoriam-andrew-p-sage-jr-an-smc-pioneer</u>
- https://newsdesk.gmu.edu/2014/11/memoriam-andrew-p-sage-founding-deanengineering-school/
- <u>http://volgenau.gmu.edu/de/home/-/asset\_publisher/HNSOWRmBcc5U/content/in-memoriam-andrew-p-sage-school-of-engineering-s-founding-dean</u>
- http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?pid=173026208
- <u>http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Andrew-Sage&lc=9741&pid=173009251&uuid=d72b3e8c-5e10-445d-91c6-</u>15f78f504152&Affiliate=washingtonpost&PersonID=173026208&FHID=2195
- http://newsdesk.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Sage3-cropped-2.jpeg
- http://seor.gmu.edu/faculty/sage.html

The last issue of the journal "Information Knowledge Systems Management" (editors A.P. Sage and W.B. Rouse), <u>http://www.iospress.nl/journal/information-knowledge-systems-management/</u>, published by IOS Press of Amsterdam in The Netherlands, edited by Bill Rouse, appeared on 16 April 2015 and was dedicated to Andy Sage: <u>http://content.iospress.com/journals/information-knowledge-systems-management/12/3,4</u>"

G. Johannsen, November 19, 2015

### 4. Future for IFAC TC 4.5

2016 will be the opportunity to determine the location of our next symposia and to propose a new candidate for chairing our TC. A TC meeting will be organized during our 13<sup>th</sup> IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA symposium in Kyoto in order to discuss on these proposals and validate them.

A proposal for our symposium of 2019 was done by Institute of Computer Science of Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia. The corresponding IFAC TC member for organizing this event is Sven Nõmm.

Other proposals are required for organizing our symposia in 2022 and in 2025.

A TC chair can have maximum two mandates and Frédéric Vanderhaegen did them. Please send to Frédéric Vanderhaegen your proposals for the next symposia organization and for potential future candidates to chair our TC.

### 5. Events related to human-machine systems

All IFAC events are listed on: <u>http://www.ifac-control.org/events/@@events\_view</u>

Some events directly related to our IFAC TC 4.5:

12th IFAC Workshop on Intelligent Manufacturing Systems, IMS 2016, December 5-7 2016, Austin, TX, USA.

1<sup>st</sup> IFAC IEEE, EECI, NSF Conference on Cyber-Physical & Human-Systems - CPHS 2016, December 7-9 2016, Florianopolis, BRAZIL.

IFAC World Congress 2017, July 9-14 2017, Toulouse, FRANCE: http://www.ifac2017.org/