

## **IFAC TC 9.4 on Control Education**

### **Minutes of the meeting July 8, 2021**

The meeting is held online at 3pm CEST

Attendees: Antonio Visioli (chair), Atanas Serbezov (VC on Industry), Margret Bauer (VC on social media), Katarina Zakova (VC on publications), José Luis Guzman (VC on education), Lucy Pao (IFAC liaison to education), Ruth Bars, Alan Kardek Rêgo Segundo, Ademar G. Costa Junior, Pavel Pakshin, Martin Goubej, Cristina Maniu, Adriano Fagiolini, David Scaradozzi, Javier Sotomayor, Manuel Berenguel Soria, Bassam Alrifaae, Martin Cech, Damiano Varagnolo, Roxanne Jackson, Steffi Knorn, Anthony Rossiter, Sebastián Dormido, Laura Screpanti, José Carlos Moreno Ubeda, Paulo Moura Oliveira, Mehmet Turan Söylemez, Nicolas Hudon, Manuel Beschi.

Antonio Visioli introduces the agenda of the meeting and thanks the attendees and the members of the TC for their activity during the last year. There have been many initiatives despite the covid-19 pandemic, which has posed new challenges in education.

- Margret Bauer presents the next IFAC Symposium on Advances in Control Education that will be held in Hamburg on 24-27 July 2022. The organization is going on smoothly and all the members are asked to contribute because this is the flagship event of TC9.4 and the participation of the members is extremely important!
- Antonio Visioli presents the many conferences that are co-sponsored by TC9.4. All the members are invited to submit papers related to control education in the specific topic of the conference, as the organizers are thinking about special sessions on education.
- Atanas Serbezov presents the survey on control resources for the first control course (<https://tinyurl.com/control-resources>). This is one of the key initiatives of the TC, so that members are invited to fill the survey and to spread it in their national community.
- José Luis Guzman and Katarina Zakova present the survey on teaching during the pandemic (<https://tinyurl.com/pandemic-edu>). This is another key initiative of the TC, so that also in this case members are invited to fill the survey and to spread it in their national community.
- Antonio Visioli informs the members that the procedure for the IFAC TC Award Control Education Life Time Achievement has started. Ruth Bars has been appointed as chair of the selection committee and the call for nominations will be issued on next September, by following similar rules as those of the last triennium.
- Lucy Pao presents the work done by the Task Force on Education Structures. A new structure on Education activities will be proposed. It will include all the VCs on education of the TCs and subcommittees and task forces will be created to consider specific issues. TC9.4 will keep its role and will cooperate with the new structure.
- Damiano Varagnolo and Adriano Fagiolini present an initiative for the creation of a database for exchanging teaching material (<https://faceit.pythonanywhere.com/>). All the members are asked to contribute to enrich the database that can be exploited by the whole community.

Antonio Visioli thanks everyone for the participation and the meeting is closed at 4pm.