



Dear TC 9.5 Fan Club,

Please find below the latest news related to TC 9.5 - there is a lot going on!

First of all we welcome the new TC members:

Dr. Zinaida K. Avdeeva, Institute of control sciences of RAS, Russia

Prof. Ismail BOGREKCI, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey

Prof. Pinar DEMIRCIOGLU, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey

Ms. Hafsa Farooqi, Politecnico Di Milano, Italy

Dr. Narmin Rzayeva Eldar, Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction, Azerbaijan

Prof. Chrysostomos Stylios, University of Ioannina, Greece.

TECIS 2018: The conference was a tremendous success. Some years ago TC 9-5 set itself the text of promoting IFAC into new countries, especially in less developed regions. It is actively trying to reach countries not well represented by IFAC. The Azerbaijan event has cemented an IFAC presence across the Caspian Sea region. It was the first conference organized by ARAS, the new NMO of Azerbaijan in IFAC - a new country to the IFAC family.

The 170 contributions included 8 plenary talks, 5 invited sessions and 25 regular sessions. They covered a very broad field subjects including Social Aspects of Technology Transfer, Globalisation Impact of International Stability, Control Education and International Stability, Engineering Ethics, Cultural Effects, Knowledge Management and Intelligent Systems, Complex Adaptive Systems, Technology and Environmental Stability, Cost Oriented Automation (COA) and End of life Management (EoL).

The modern conference hotel, with a tremendous conference infrastructure, was located at the Caspian sea promenade of Baku. A technical visit was organised to the (historical) oil fields of Bibiheybat and the brand new building of the Oil University. The social program included a banquet dinner at the Elite Events Hall, in the Elite Polo Club with famous Azerbaijan music (Orchestra with 65 peoples) and traditional dancers and a welcome party at the Ateshgah fire temple. To give the international participants an impression on the landscape and the history of Azerbaijan some cultural visits were also organized.

To get an impression pls. visit <u>www.tecis18.org/news</u> and have a look on the "official" Video.

The TC 9.5 meeting was organized on Friday, September 14, 2018. Minutes see other attachment. Further, we are delighted to announce TECIS 2019 which returns to Sozopol (Bulgaria), September 26-29, 2019 . Please mark this in your calendar and visit

http://www.tecis19.tu-plovdiv.bg/

Thanks and looking forward to meet you in Sozopol at latest.

Vienna 10.10.2018 Peter (Kopacek)