



Registration Chair Eric Frew and Local Arrangements Chair Zongli Lin with student volunteers. Front row, from left: Xiaoya Wei, Farhad Goodarzi, Alborz Alavian, Sheri Gravette, Sarah Radzihovsky, Tian Liang, Y.J. Peng, and Ambrish Patel. Middle row, from left: Frank Lagor, Paul Moubarak, Ma Zhou, Michelle Malveaux, Sudhalahari Bommareddy, Saria Sheikh, Tingyue Gan, Tse-Huai Wu, and Zongli Lin. Back row, from left: Tyler Clark, Bohua Zhang, Andrew Loeber, Issam Boumlic, Marie Okeke, Elizabeth Davies, Alexandre Cheytnanov, and Eric Frew.

whenever asked. Brenn Ellsworth designed the elegant ACC 2013 logo.

Many attendees commented on the great location of the ACC 2013 hotel, which was within walking distance to many museums and monuments. We learned a lot from working hard to organize such a large conference, we thank all the attendees and volunteers at all levels for their help, and we would recommend holding ACC in Washington, D.C., again!

Lucy Pao

Danny Abramovitch

21st Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation

The 2013 Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation (MED 2013), took place in Platanias-Chania, Crete, June 25–28. This conference was the 21st in the series and took place in Chania, the birthplace of the MED conferences, which started in 1993.

The conference venue was the Minoa Palace Resort and Spa, a great hotel on the beach, located in Platanias, a village on the outskirts of Chania. This and all previous MED conferences have been technically cosponsored by the IEEE Control Systems and Robotics and Automation Societies. The Mediterranean Control Association (MCA) is the sponsoring parent organization that oversees all of the MED conferences. MCA was founded in 1998 and is registered in Cyprus as a nonprofit organization.

The technical program was chaired by Nikos Tsourveloudis of the Technical University of Crete. More



Chania Harbor, Crete, Greece.

than 320 contributed and invited papers were submitted, of which 248 were accepted. The authors were from 43 countries with the top three countries being Italy, Greece, and the United States. The 212 contributed and 36 invited papers were presented in 48 technical sessions. The 49 members of the International Program Committee served as associate editors, and several hundreds of reviewers worked voluntarily to ensure the scientific quality of the contributions. The conference had 222 registrants.

During the first day, on Tuesday June 25, two tutorials were presented: “Who’s Afraid of Fractional Order Laplace?” and “UAV Autonomy and State-of-the-Art Technologies and Applications in Mediterranean Countries.”

There were four interesting and well-attended keynote addresses by leaders in the field. On Wednesday, June 26, Anibal Ollero of the Universidad de Sevilla, Spain presented “Cooperating UAS: From Information Acquisition to Physical Interactions,” and Frank Lewis of the University of Texas at Arlington, United



Chania Harbor, Crete, Greece.



Sunset at the beach at the MED 2013 venue, Minoa Palace Hotel.



Folklore Dancers at the MED 2013 Gala Dinner.

States, discussed “Cooperative Control: Optimality, Differential Games, and Reinforcement Learning on Graphs.” On Thursday, Thomas Parisini of Imperial College London, United Kingdom, and the University of Trieste, Italy, gave a talk “A Distributed Networked Approach to Fault Diagnosis of Large-Scale Systems,” and Petros Ioannou of the University of Southern California, USA discussed

“Robust Adaptive Control: Interpretations, Expectations and Reality.”

There was a welcome reception on Tuesday, the gala dinner on Thursday where a local group demonstrated traditional Cretan dances, and the closing reception on Friday. All events were particularly well attended.

The participants had very positive comments regarding the technical

program, the social program, and the hotel. In 2014, the 22nd MED will take place in Palermo, Sicily, Italy, continuing the MED tradition for interesting venues and strong technical programs.

**Panos Antsaklis
and Kimon Valavanis**



moving?

You don't want to miss any issue of this magazine!

change your address

BY E-MAIL: address-change@ieee.org

BY PHONE: +1 800 678 IEEE (4333) in the U.S.A.
or +1 732 981 0060 outside the U.S.A.

ONLINE: www.ieee.org, click on quick links, change contact info

BY FAX: +1 732 562 5445

Be sure to have your member number available.