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IFSA'97 – Seventh World Congress of International Fuzzy Systems Association

June 25 – 29, 1997, Prague, Czech Republic

The world congresses of IFSA are regularly held every two years in either of America, Asia or Europe. Prague became the first representative of former East European countries who had the opportunity to host the top meeting of specialists in the fuzzy set theory and related topics. The congress was organized by united endeavour of Czech and Slovak mathematicians. The main organizing institutions were The University of Economics, Institute of Information Theory and Automation, Institute of Computer Science (both of Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic), University of Ostrava, Slovak Technical University, Mathematical Institute of Slovak Academy of Sciences and Silesian University. The Czech Union and Slovak Union of Mathematicians and Physicists have also contributed to the organization.

The realization of the Congress was successful and participants have expressed their high satisfaction. Both, the scientific and social programmes have more than fulfilled the expectations. The building of the University of Economics where the Congress was held hosted about 370 participants from 41 countries, and the care given to the Congress by the school was significant. More than 400 contributions were presented in 7 parallel sections and plenary sessions. The Tutorials held in 23–24 of June were well attended by mostly young participants. The Proceedings of the Congress which were published by Academia Publishing House offer more than 400 papers. Moreover, the transactions of Tutorials lectures, which were published as special issue of Tatra Mountains Mathematical Journal contain 8 interesting contributions introducing the reader into basic concepts of the fuzzy set theory. Both, Congress Proceedings and Tutorials volume are in limited quantity available via the organizers.

The Prague IFSA Congress was attended by a representative audience including leading personalities of the community of fuzzy set specialists. The level of the presented contributions were generally evaluated as very good, the organization of the scientific and social programme was managed without problems. The next IFSA congress will be held in Asia, probably in Taiwan.

Milan Mareš

European Control Conference ECC'99

August, 31 — September, 3, 1999, Karlsruhe, Germany

The 5th European Control Conference ECC'99 will take place from August 31st to September 3rd, 1999, at the Congress and Exhibition Center of Karlsruhe in the south of Germany. The ECC is organized every two years and aims at stimulating contacts between specialists active in academic research and industrial development and application in the area of systems and control and to promote scientific exchange within the European Community and between Europe and other continents. Previous conferences were held in Grenoble, Groningen, Rome and Brussels, each featuring over 800 participants from all over the world.

The scope of the conference includes all aspects of systems and control ranging from fundamental research to all kinds of engineering applications and related established and advanced technologies. It is a new policy of the organizers of the ECC to strengthen the

involvement of practical applications in industry to the mutual benefit of both academia and industry. To this end the Conference promotes topics of high practical relevance to industry by sector oriented Industry Packages, where practical applications in continuous and manufacturing processes will be discussed with emphasis of cost/profit-aspects. The scientific program includes plenary papers, regular and invited papers, tutorial workshops, minicourses and round tables. Plenary lectures will prospectively be given by K. Åström (S), M. Blanke (DK), S. Campbell (U.S.A.), M. Grimble (UK), B. Krogh (U.S.A.), J. Levine (F), I. Mareels (AUS), G. Schmidt (D), D. Seborg (U.S.A.). Technical visits to nearby companies and social events will be arranged.

Scientists from academic research and engineers from industrial development and application are encouraged to participate, submit papers for presentation and to organize invited sessions. The *deadline* for draft paper submission and invited session proposals is *October 1, 1998*.

For more information please visit the ECC'99 internet page

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