

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Madrid, 18th of January 2010

**Dear members and friends:**

In the first instance, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a prosperous new year, full of opportunities to help overcome the economic crisis, especially in our Chapter.

In addition, I would like to give thanks for all the dedication and support provided by all those who have contributed to the activities of the Chapter and in particular, to the great success of last year's most important event; SAICA 2009. Thanks to the UNED, it is possible to see the report on the event transmitted by TVE including the proceedings, presentations, interviews and an extensive coverage of photographs which can be accessed at <http://www.ieee-ias-css.es/saica2009>. I hope that you enjoy these recordings as well as the article in the magazine 'Automática e Instrumentación' (Automation and Instrumentation) which can be found at the same web site address.

The success achieved by SAICA 2009 confirms the commitment of our Chapter to make industry, administration and universities, share a creative dialogue aimed at promoting the application of advanced control technology in the industrial environment. I believe that we are achieving great advances in that direction and many are joining us in this commitment, resonating with our time, and the needs of industry, universities and society.

During 2010 we will continue organizing introductory courses on Adaptive Predictive Expert Control which were so successful last year with the provision of 5 courses in total over the period. We are also considering new options for the end of 2010 or beginning of 2011 for a course on 'Automation for Management' (event IV of SAICA).

Our Chapter is an open forum and I would urge you to continue offering suggestions and contributions to our activities using our web page Web [www.ieee-ias-css.com](http://www.ieee-ias-css.com).

All the very best

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