

Editorial

Dear Readers,

This is the third issue of the IEEE SMC Society eNewsletter for 2021. We cannot believe that half of 2021 has passed.

Many updates are included in this issue.

First, we encourage you to take a look at the IEEE SMC Society website <https://www.ieeesmc.org/about-smcs/governance>, which includes up-to-date governance and committee member information. We are very sorry to miss a BoG member, Ferial El-Hawary (term 2021-2023), who passed away on May 6, 2021 at the age of 78. We will miss her smile, her laughter, and her joy for life. This issue includes a memoriam to her.

We are calling for nominations of the BoG, including five Member-At-Large, and VP Cybernetics, VP Human-Machine Systems, VP Conferences & Meetings, and VP Organization & Planning. The deadline is July 15, 2021. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Our Society Constitution and Bylaws were revised, which can be access here: https://www.ieeesmc.org/images/governance/SMC-Constitution-Bylaws-_final_valid_06-14-21.pdf.

We are excited to announce that, in response to IEEE's continued commitment to providing options to support the needs of all authors, IEEE is introducing an SMC Society Section within IEEE Access. More details can be found here: <https://www.ieeesmc.org/publications/enewsletter/1030-ieee-access-section-for-smc-society>. Please consider submissions!

We also publish a featured article, "*Data driven discovery of cyber physical systems*," whose original article was published in the prestigious *Nature Communications* in 2019. Enjoy!

This issue also includes a new column, Research Activites. We introduce Prof. Peter Checkland's (Lancaster University, UK) work on the Web and Wider Issues.

Finally, we encourage readers to submit book proposals to Wiley-IEEE Press Book Series on Human-Machine Systems, and also papers to the two special issues (*Knowledge Based Systems*, and *Information Fusion*), 2nd International Conference on Human-Machine Systems <https://www.ichms2021.de/>, IEEE Conference on Digital Twins and

Parallel Intelligence <https://www.dtpi.org/>, and International Conference on Cyber-Physical Social Intelligence https://www.aconf.org/conf_180085.html. The deadlines of the latter three conferences are all mid-July. So, be hurry!

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Please feel free to send me any updates, suggestions, or comments! We welcome submissions from all readers, including society news, featured articles (research ideas, discussions on emerging areas, debatable issues), research activities (information about a research group and its activities), call for papers/participations, job openings, etc.

Stay healthy and well!

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