

The address of the IPC chair

Dear colleagues and friends

I wish I were able to attend the 10th edition of the *International Conference of Computers, Communications and Control-ICCCC* and associated BACTUD event. Unfortunately, some health problems prevent me from traveling to Oradea. I send you, instead, several lines containing a part of my thoughts I intended to share with you.

In 2006, prof Ioan Dzitac had the initiative to organize in Oradea an international scientific conference. Prof. Mişu Jean Manolescu, the rector of Agora university, offered, without any hesitation, his encouragement and personal support, together with the logistic support of the institution. Upon the recommendation of Prof. Horia Teodorescu, I was invited to join their initiative. I accepted and designed together with prof Dzitac, during many virtual meetings, the objective, scope, and format of ICCCC. The initial idea of the conference was to set the stage for presenting papers containing scientific and practical results concerning the design and deployment of systems that integrate the three technologies: *computers, communications, and control* at large. It is worth noticing that the conference was intended by its three founders to be an opportunity offered to academia researchers and industry practitioners to exchange views and experiences and discuss possible future common projects in a friendly environment. Since 2006, the conference has been organized every even year by *Agora University of Oradea*, under the aegis of the *Information Science and Technology* section of the Romanian Academy. The conference proceedings initially published by IEEE and then by Springer, and the website witness a successful series of events.

From the very beginning, the conference was envisioned as an open event associated with a new scientific journal. And so, the *International Journal of Computers, Communications and Control* (IJCCC) was born. Based on the 15-year experience with another journal named *Studii în Informatică şi Control-(SIC)*, I founded in 1992, at the *National Institute for Informatics (ICI)* in Bucharest, we designed a new publication which was meant to be a perennial means to archive and broadly disseminate carefully selected articles describing the results obtained in the well-defined domain of solutions integrating the three technologies. In 2022, IJCCC was ranked the first among the 52 Romanian journals in all domains with respect with its Impact factor reported by Clarivate.

Over the years, outstanding Romanian scholars including Solomon Marcus, Dan Tufiş, Gheorghe Păun, Ion Dumitrache, to name only a few of them, and foreign personalities of high scientific reputation such as Lotfi Zadeh, George Metakides, Pierre Borne, Yong Shi, Enrique Herrera Viedma, Janusz Kacprzyk, Gang Kou, Gaston Lefranc Hernandez, Gintautas Dzemyda, Arturas Kaklauskas, Pascale Zaraté, Fuad Aleskerov, Alfred Bruckstein, Yezid Donoso, and so on, were invited to present key-note speeches. The high quality of the accepted papers presented by academia researchers and successful professionals from Europe, USA, Asia, and Latin America together with the friendly atmosphere and associated social programme have contributed to creating a high reputation of the event. One could state that a “family of ICC friends” has been established and noticed not only in Oradea events but also in other related conferences. It worth mentioning the specific, relentless, and essential, though

unobtrusive, contributions to the smooth evolution of the conference and journal of Simona Dzitac, Horia Oros, and Ioana Domnica Dzitac (including over the years she was a little school girl).

Over the years, the set of *core topics* to be addressed have included *soft computing* (with particular emphasis on *fuzzy sets, systems*, and associated solvers of complex and complicated problems), *decision-making models* and *computer-based support systems*. At present, the set of core topics is updated and enlarged according to the new developments in IT&C domain.

Unfortunately, Prof Dzitac and Prof Manolescu passed away in 2021 and 2024, respectively, but their scientific and organizational heritage has been smoothly continued and cultivated. This year, new energetic scientists were invited and accepted to contribute as key persons to the continuous development of the conference and journal such Bogdana Stanojevic, Ioan Buciu, and Attila Simo.

The current edition was carefully designed and organized, and the resulting scientific programme is excellent. I wish you all a pleasant and useful event and I hope to be able to be together at the 11th edition of ICCCC in 2026.

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