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EDITORIAL

Introducing *Systems Science & Control Engineering: An Open Access Journal*

Welcome to the first volume of *Systems Science and Control Engineering (SSCE)*. Together with our highly experienced editorial board, I look forward to working with the systems science and control engineering communities to build *SSCE* into an invaluable tool for researchers in the field, enabling them to quickly disseminate and discuss cutting-edge advances, with completely free and open access to anyone who wishes to read their research, anywhere in the world, and for the research to be securely archived in perpetuity.

The aim of this new journal is to provide a high-quality platform for academics, researchers, and industrial practitioners working on systems and control topics to publish their work globally under a fully open-access model. The journal ensures that every article undergoes a rigorous and rapid process of peer review by a team of experts, with the cross-disciplinary scope of the publication intended to foster innovation, debate and collaboration across the field whilst maintaining a defined and relevant audience for the topics and findings reported.

The journal encourages the submission of original articles, reviews and short communications in all areas of theoretical and applied systems science and control engineering. The scope of the journal includes artificial intelligence, complex systems, complex networks, control theory, control applications, cybernetics, dynamical systems theory, operations research, systems biology, systems dynamics, systems ecology, systems engineering, systems psychology and systems theory.

Why open access? We want this journal to act as a common cross-disciplinary venue for research communications. Open access can support the productive migration of ideas from one research area within systems science and control engineering to another – effectively making the journal an easy to use and access research forum for all in the field. Moreover, the editors encourage the submission of quick responses to published articles, which combined with the online nature of the journal will make the journal an interactive location for scholarly debate and communication. A key element of the journal's open-access policy is that

authors will retain full copyright in their article and have the choice of signing either a Creative Commons CC-BY or CC-BY NC license.

We also recognise the increasing importance of fast publication. *SSCE* is intended to serve as a forum for rapid publication of research results, so it is our intention to notify authors as to the first decision on their papers within two months following submission and, once accepted, typically all papers will be quickly and thoroughly edited and published in one to two months.

The quality and success of the journal will be dependent on the authors and editors, who I am sure will work together to ensure that a high level of quality and editorial stringency is achieved. We are already seeing some excellent submissions to *SSCE*. Fortunately, we have a dynamic and efficient editorial board consisting of reputed researchers and practitioners from all areas of systems science and control engineering. I am extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to be able to work with such a team of highly knowledgeable and dedicated editors, all of whom will bring a raft of expertise from their respective specialist fields.

This new journal, launched with a well-established publisher, offers us a unique opportunity to make a real contribution towards the future development of systems science and control engineering research, make a wide and meaningful impact, and foster even greater research interaction. Let us work together to make the contribution of *Systems Science and Control Engineering* to our field comparable to our well-established sister journals *International Journal of Control* and *International Journal of Systems Science*.

Wishing all involved a productive and enjoyable endeavour.

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