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Aim: The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers and practitioners from the industry and academia and provide them with a platform to report on recent advances and developments in the newly emerging areas of technology, as well as actual and potential applications to industrial and factory automation.

Solicited Papers: Research papers reporting on new developments in technological sciences. Industry and development papers reporting on actual developments of technology, products, systems and solutions. Tutorial and survey papers. Work-in-progress papers. In addition, ETFA 2009 solicits special session proposals to stimulate in-depth discussions in special areas relevant to the conference theme. Please consult the conference web page for more details.

Topics within the scope of the conference include:

Information Technology in Automation

Development Platforms and Frameworks: .NET, J2EE; Programming languages: Java, C#, Software System Security, Tool chains for Software Design and Development, Engineering and commissioning tools, etc.; Operating Systems; Databases and Web Interfaces; Realtime Mobile Computing, Network Computing, Distributed Real-time Systems, Industrial Signal Processing, Sensor fusion.

Industrial Communication Systems

Real-Time Communications and Applications; Fieldbus Networks; Real-Time Ethernet Networks; Wireless and Hybrid (wired/wireless) Networks for Industrial Communications; Dependability Aspects and Fault Tolerance; Middleware for Industrial Communication Systems; Vertical Integration Aspects: Web-based Setup, Maintenance and Configuration; Internetworking; Formal Description Techniques; Intranet and Internet Access; Factory Applications and Case Studies. Performance Analysis of Industrial Communication Systems.

Real-Time and (Networked) Embedded Systems

Design and Implementation; Design Methodologies and Tools; Models of Computation and Formal Methods; Hardware/Software Co-Design; Real-Time Computing and Operating Systems; Real-Time Communications; Networked Embedded Systems Technology; Wireless Sensor Networks; Sensor Technology; IP Cores and Platforms; System on Chip and Architectures; Languages; Power Supply and Management; Data Integration and Fusion; Communication Modes; Quality of Service control; Case studies.

Automated Manufacturing Systems

Formal Modeling of Manufacturing and Process Systems; Simulation, Queueing Systems, Petri Nets; Synthesis and Analysis Techniques, Performance Evaluation and Reliability, Scheduling; Recent Developments in Standardization; Test Cases, Benchmarks, Tools; Discrete and Continuous Industrial Automation Systems; Automated Manufacturing Systems and Enterprise Integration; Applications and Experiences in Practice.

Industrial Control

Process Control; Equipment Control; Intelligent Control; Supervisory Control; Industrial Control Implementation; Discrete and Continuous Automation Systems; Equipment and Process Monitoring; fault Detection and Classification; Process Modelling and Optimization.

Computational Intelligence and Modern Heuristics in Automation

Intelligent Systems and Control, Modern Heuristics, Artificial Intelligence, and Data Mining in automation and industrial applications; Neural/Fuzzy/Evolutionary approaches in automation; Modern heuristics methods in factory automation based on predictive, adaptive control, recognition, navigation, motion control, competitive, self-organizing learning, and clustering; Computational Intelligence in wireless automation protocols such as Bluetooth, WiFi, and ZigBee; Computational Intelligence in security, reliability, and fault-tolerance in automation; Ant colonies optimization and swarm intelligence in automation; Also Petri Nets, Chaos, Markov models, Support Vector Machines, and Expert Systems.

Intelligent Robots & Systems

Machine Vision and Intelligence, Actuators and Motion Control, Multisensor Fusion and Integration, Intelligent Robots and Systems, Intelligent Space.

Conference Format: The conference will comprise multi-track sessions for regular papers, to present significant and novel research results with a prospect for a tangible impact on the research area and potential implementations; work-in-progress (WIP) sessions; panel discussions on the state-of-the-art and emerging trends, involving leading experts from industry and academia; and public discussion sessions moderated by leading experts in the field of industrial automation systems.

Submission of Papers: The working language of the conference is English. Two types of submissions are solicited. Long Papers – limited to 8 double column pages in a font no smaller than 10-points. Work-in-Progress and Industry practice – limited to 4 double column pages in a font no smaller than 10-points. Manuscripts must be submitted electronically in PDF format, according to the instructions contained in the Conference web site.

Best Paper Award: Best paper awards in Factory Automation and Emerging Technologies will be presented at the conference banquet dinner. Authors of outstanding papers will be invited to submit a revised version of their papers for publication in a special section in IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics.

Further Information: ETFA'09 Conference Secretariat: Tel: +34 93 401 6974; Fax: +34 93 401 7045; Email: contact@etfa2009.org

Paper Acceptance: Each accepted paper must be presented at the conference by one of the authors. The final manuscript must be accompanied by a registration form and a registration fee payment proof. All conference attendees, including authors and session chairpersons, must pay the conference registration fee, and their travel expenses.

Author's Schedule:

Deadline for submission of long papers:

March 31, 2009

Notification of acceptance of long papers:

May 25, 2009

Deadline for submission of work-in-progress papers and Industry practice:

June 1, 2009

Notification of acceptance of work-in-progress papers and Industry practice:

July 1, 2009

Deadline for submission of final manuscripts – regular and special sessions:

July 1, 2009

Deadline for submission of final manuscripts – work-in-progress papers and Industry practice:

July 14, 2009

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