
Welcome Message from the President of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society



Dear SSCI'2015 friends,

What a wonderful time and place to meet for a major IEEE CIS (Computational Intelligence Society) event!

This is the first time ever that CIS has organised a major event in Africa. It is a region with huge potentials in the future in terms of growth in economy, education, science and technology. Computational intelligence (CI) can play an important role in supporting such growth. Some of these opportunities of using CI to solve challenging real-world problems are reflected by the papers presented at SSCI'15. As in previous editions of SSCI, SSCI'15 includes a number of specialist symposia and workshops related to CI and its innovative applications. They cover established as well as emerging topics of increasing importance.

2015 has been a very good year for CIS. Our membership has increased to more than 7,200, the highest ever for our society. Our major journals, including IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, and IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation, have continued to do extremely well, in terms of the number of submissions to the journals and the journal impact factors. I would encourage all participants of SSCI'15 to submit their best papers, including substantially revised and improved SSCI'15 papers, to CIS journals.

CIS is an international society run by volunteers. Our conference activities spread over different regions of the world. In addition to SSCI'15 in Africa, we held CEC'15 in Asia (Japan), IJCNN'15 in Europe (Ireland), and FUZZ-IEEE'15 in the intersection between Asia and Europe (Turkey). If you are interested in organising or hosting one of CIS conferences, please talk to us. We are always looking for new and enthusiastic volunteers to lead and participate in future CIS activities.

Conferences provide time away from one's normal working place, which can stimulate new ideas, especially by talking to colleagues in an informal setting. I hope SSCI'15 will be one of those events that spark new ideas for your next research paper or project. Enjoy SSCI'2015!

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