# Welcome Message from IEEE SSCI 2016 General Chairs

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On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (IEEE SSCI 2016) that will be held in Athens, Greece, December 6-9, 2016. SSCI is a flagship annual international conference on computational intelligence sponsored by the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, promoting all aspects of theory, algorithm design, applications and related emerging techniques.

This year, SSCI received nearly 750 paper submissions to 34 Symposiums from 66 countries and regions. After a peer review process, 460 papers were accepted to be presented at the conference (success rate 61%). The highlights of the Congress include,

- 5 Plenary Speeches by world-leading researchers from both academia and industry – Chin-Teng Lin (University of Technology Sydney ), Marios Polycarpou (University of Cyprus), Lazaros Polymenakos (IBM USA), Bernhard Sendhoff (Honda Research Institute Europe), and Kay Chen Tan (National University of Singapore).
- 13 Keynote speeches by recognized scholars on a wide range of popular research topics;
- a PhD workshop that provides a platform for young researchers, in particular PhD students to present their research results, also encouraging them to participate in IEEE CIS activities.
- 2 free tutorials offering a unique opportunity to providing in-depth knowledge on the application of computational intelligence to data analytics and medical applications.

In addition, participants are also cordially invited to attend various social events, such as the welcome reception, award banquet, and the reception for Women, Students and Young Professionals in CIS.

The SSCI 2016 will be held at the Royal Olympic Hotel, in Athens. From the Royal Olympic you have excellent view to The Temple of Zeus, The Acropolis, The Hadrian's Gate, The Marble Stadium. The hotel is in front of the National Garden. Participants are also encouraged to join an Athens City Tour that will give you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank all involved in making the conference a success. First of all, we are grateful to the Conference Committee of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society (IEEE CIS) for giving us the opportunity to organize this prestigious conference. We are particularly grateful to our Program Co-Chairs and particularly to Professor Andreas Stafylopatis for their continuous assistance in making SSCI 2016 a successful event. Our sincere thanks to all symposium chairs, special session organizers, the SSCI organizing committee, the plenary and keynote speakers, the tutorial speakers, as well as the SSCI reviewers who contributed in ensuring a high quality of all accepted papers. We also wish to give our special thanks to all members of the Intelligent Systems, Content and Interaction Laboratory of the Institute of Computer and Communication Systems of the National Technical University of Athens, who greatly helped in setting up and providing all services necessary to organize SSCI 2016.

Additionally, we wish to thank IEEE CIS for offering travel grants to academic researchers from developing countries and students from all over the world. We would also thank Intel USA for providing further travel grants to students who attend the PhD Workshop. Last but not the least, we wish to thank all the contributing authors for their interest and collaboration in preparing and presenting their recent research findings at SSCI 2016.

We wish all participants a wonderful stay in Athens!


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