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A Bright Future Awaits

Let me begin by saying that I am honored and grateful to serve as the president of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society (IES), and I look forward to working with all of the officers to lead the IES to a productive 2020. As we start another exciting year, I would be remiss if I did not thank Xinghuo Yu for his leadership as president of the IES in 2019 and Kanghyun Jo for his service as secretary the past

two years. Due to a long history of international collaboration and a large active Administrative Committee, our Society has many volunteers capable of serving in leadership roles as Yu and Jo have done. With the recent changes instituted in our Society, we will be seeing more emerging leaders taking active leadership roles in the next few years. These are exciting times for the IES.

Our Society is very strong financially and has a long history of international collaboration. This combination makes for a Society that is stable and

productive, especially regarding our publications. Our existing publications continue to be extremely successful, and the quality of the journals continues to be at or near the top of the rankings in their areas thanks to the editors and many volunteers that participate in the review of papers considered for publication. In addition, our Society has established two new journals this year: *IEEE Journal of Emerging and Selected Topics in Industrial Electronics* and *IEEE Open Journal of the Industrial Electronics Society*, both of which began production this year.

Another area of strength for our Society is our conferences. The IES financially sponsors all or part of 21 different conferences or workshops and technically cosponsors another 40–50 of them. These professional development opportunities are held throughout the world, which again reflects our international collaboration.

Although the publications and conferences are visible activities of the IES, the 23 IES technical committees are working behind the scenes to help support these efforts. If you would like to become involved with a technical committee, please contact Vice President for Technical Activities Roberto Oboe at vp-technical@ieee-ies.org.

As we move forward, we aim to continue our international collaboration and look for ways to involve more industrial partners and increase the diversity of our Society. I'm looking forward to the future!



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