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Adapting to Change


As I write this article, we are in the middle of the coronavirus outbreak, and the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society (IES) volunteers continue to amaze me with their ability to adapt to changes. Conferences are being postponed, moved to another location, and transferred to online venues. As president, I have had the opportunity to observe tremendous passion on the part of our volunteers (the IES officers and conference organizers) to keep IES activities afloat during this difficult world public health issue. Vice Presidents Juan Jose Rodriguez-Andina and Kiyoshi Ohishi are continuing to lead our efforts as we respond to various issues with the IES conferences during this public health crisis. The IES is a very strong family!

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As I said in my previous “Message From the President” column, the IES is greatly expanding our publication platform by starting two new journals and a new newsletter. These efforts are off to a great start due to the efforts of Leopoldo G. Franquelo as editor-in-chief of *IEEE Open Journal of the Industrial Electronics Society*, Chandan Chakraborty as editor-in-chief of *IEEE Journal of Emerging and Selected Topics in Industrial Electronics*, and Fei Ga as editor-in-chief of *IEEE Industrial Electronics Technology News*. We are expecting these new publications to be of the same high quality as our existing publications.

There are a number of activities that go on behind the scenes to support IES activities. One of those activities is the work carried out by the members of the IES Web and Information Committee. In addition to managing our website, they maintain and support activities

related to our conference paper submission system. I recently saw some of the planned upgrades to our existing system, and I can say that you will be very excited about the changes to come. I would like to personally thank Andres A. Nogueiras Melendez for his service to this area of our Society and for serving as chair of this committee for several years. The Web and Information Committee members deserve a big thank you. The current members of the committee are Alexander Malinowski (chair), Andres A. Nogueiras Melendez, Allen Chen, Juan Jose Rodriguez-Andina, Antonio Luque Estepa, Milos Manic, Razvan-loan Dinita, Daswin de Silva, and Morgan Kiani.

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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