# **Women in Control Newsletter**

September 1999

Chair: Cheryl B. Schrader Newsletter Editor: Fahmida Chowdhury Database Coordinator: Eunjeong Lee

Mailing List Coordinator: Dawn Tilbury Advisor: Bozenna Pasik-Duncan

#### In This Issue:

- 1. Editor's Note
- 2. Message from Bozenna
- 3. Conference CFP
- 4. Reviewers Wanted

### 1. Editor's Note

Greetings, Friends and Colleagues! I hope you have started the fall season (and the semester, as the case may be) with renewed energy and motivation. I went to two conferences this summer, the American Control Conference and the IEEE International Conference on Control Applications. We had a Women's group luncheon at the ACC. At the IEEE CCA, there was no formal meeting or luncheon,

I met three very interesting women who do research in controls related subjects. All three work at NASA Langley Research Center. I enrolled them in our mailing list.

Best wishes to all of you. Please send me your postings.

Fahmida Chowdhury Dept. of EECE, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Yes, our university has undergone a name change) Lafayette, LA 70504-3890 Tel. 318-482-5366

Email: fnchowdh@usl.edu

## 2. Message from Bozenna

Dear Friends,

I hope that your summer was as good as mine; I visited six countries in six weeks, Israel, China, France, Italy, Germany and Poland. I attended great conferences including the IFAC Congress in China and the 7th IEEE Meditereanean Conference in Israel. At those two conferences I met many women in Control. I was privileged to have lunch for 30 Women in Control in Beijing. Most of these women were new to our group and most of them have just

joined our group! The growth is significant. Thanks to all of those who have joined us and thanks to Dawn for technically making this happen.

I hope that many of you will join us for lunch in December at the CDC in Arizona. I invite you to visit the Women in Control or Students' Activities websites for more information about our activities. Visit, also, our Member Activity Board website.

# http://www.math.ukans.edu/ksacg/cssmember.html

You can get all the information on how to join the Control Systems Society (CSS) there, or Molly Shor can assist you in becoming a member of our Society.

It is important to know all the benefits from membership of the CSS. If you would like your classmate or colleaugue or friend to join our group let us know. We will be happy to add more names to our mailing list or to the CSS member list. I have been so pleased to see and to listen to so many outstanding talks given by our young female members recently . The IFAC brought many women participants from many different countries. It is impressive! The involvement of women in control theory is very noticeable. I am very optimistic for the future.

Thank you for being in touch with me and for sharing your research interests and concerns with me. Finally, thank you from the bottom of my heart for voting for me. I passed a difficult competition and I will continue to be a member of the Board of Governors for the next three years.

I will continue to make efforts to bring all women in Control together and I will continue to make every possible effort to recognize each and every one of you. I start this fall semester full of energy and happiness. You are part of my happiness. All of those summer meetings, discussions, and your kind words and generous support for me make me very strong here in Kansas.

I would like to share my enthusiasm, happiness and all of the best with you and wish you most beautiful Fall ...

With my very best wishes to you

#### Bozenna

Professor Bozenna Pasik-Duncan Vice President, Membership Activities IEEE CSS Department of Mathematics University of Kansas 405 Snow Hall Lawrence, KS 66045 phone: 785-864-5162 or 3651

fax: 785-864-5255

e-mail - bozenna@math.ukans.edu

### 3. Conference CFP

The 32nd Southeastern Symposium on System Theory (SSST 2K) will be held on March 5-7, 2000 at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering in Tallahassee, Florida. Original papers from all areas of systems theory, its design and application, as well as proposals for invited sessions, are solicited. Graduate students are invited to submit their thesis and dissertation research. Prospective organizers of invited sessions should submit proposals containing summaries of all papers.

All accepted papers must be presented at the symposium and will be published in the conference proceedings which will be available at the symposium. Paper summaries (500-1,000 words) are due October 1, 1999. Authors will be notified of acceptance by October 29, 1999, and camera-ready originals and the pre- registration fee will be due on January 21, 2000.

Further information including a list of preferred topic can be found at

http://www.eng.fsu.edu/ssst/

or you may contact Rodney Roberts at (850) 410-6458 or by email at rroberts@eng.fsu.edu

### 4. Reviewers Wanted

I am soliciting reviewers for the American Control Conference. Please let me know if you are willing to review a couple of papers for the 2000 ACC. Send email to me at fnchowdh@usl.edu, and include three keywords indicating areas in which you would like to review.