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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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t is with sincere pleasure that I welcome five new members to the IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Society Board of Governors for the 2020–2022 term. These new members are Dr. Arnaud de La Fortelle of Mines Paris Tech, France; Dr. Fernando Garcia of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain; Dr. Jonas Sjöberg of Chalmers University, Sweden; Dr. Kazuya Takeda of University of Nagoya, Japan; and Dr. Ljubo Vlacic of Griffith University, Australia. This year, we had over 20 well-qualified candidates for the Board of Governors positions. These candidates have, in addition to their

technical achievements in the field of ITS, contributed to the ITS Society from various angles and through different capacities. The five elected members, in particular, have long histories of volunteering through the Society's conferences, publications, and education and technical activities. We anticipate that our new board members will add significant value to the

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leadership and decision making for the ITS Society. We also welcome the fresh perspectives and valuable insight of our new board members that will contribute to the continuous success of the Society. I am looking forward to working with you and witnessing your valuable contributions.

The ITS Society is set up to make a difference not only in the development of intelligent transportation technologies but also in the world at large. There are various ways transportation professionals can contribute through the Society. It annually hosts two flagship conferences and several smaller conferences. Many people already volunteered their own time to review papers, plan, and organize the conferences. The Society welcomes proposals for and participation in the organization of future conferences.

The Society has also organized various technical committees (TCs) to provide a forum for addressing cutting-edge developments, trends, and issues aligned with the Society's field of interests, as well as to serve as an important mechanism for meeting member interests. The current TCs cover the areas of:

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- Cooperative and Connected Vehicles
- Self-Driving Automobiles
- Human Factors in ITS
- Planning and Control of Transportation and Logistic Networks
- Naturalistic Driving Data Analytics
- Railroad Systems and Applications
- Smart Mobility and Transportation 5.0
- Traffic and Travel Management
- Special Interest Group: Intelligence and Security Information for Transportation Systems.

The ITS Society also leads a range of educational activities in the field of ITS. We welcome your participation in these technical and education activities. We also encourage you to propose and get involved in technical activities in new and emerging areas.

On the publication front, the IEEE ITS Society has published the first *Open Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems*. The journal is complementary to the existing *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems* and *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent* *Vehicles* to provide an outlet for highquality articles. We welcome authors to submit articles to this new publication. With your participation, we will continue to expand the presence of the ITS Society through educations, conferences, publishing, member services, standardization, and more.

Sincerely,

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