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Valuable Resources and Opportunities for IEEE ITSS Members

The field of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) is rapidly growing and has had a significant impact on society as it aims to make transportation safer, more efficient, and more sustainable. The strong leadership of the IEEE ITS Society (ITSS), made up of a dedicated and experienced group of volunteers who are committed to advancing the field of ITS, is working to provide valuable resources and opportunities for members through its Chapters. The Society's Chapters provide a local network of professionals and students, who are interested in the field of ITS. ITSS Chapters provide a place for members to connect with others in their area, share ideas, and stay current with the latest developments in their area of expertise.

A recent success for our ITSS Chapters is evident in the completion of the first IEEE ITSS Annual European Chapters Meeting. The Spanish Chapter hosted the first edition of this meeting, which included presentations from students and young professionals and demonstrations from the industry. Professional development was fostered through several keynote speeches and other networking opportunities to bring the members together and develop new ideas for the future.

The Society's strong focus on innovation and research is also demonstrated through its wide offerings of conferences, publications, and technical meetings. It provides a platform for researchers to share their work and contribute to the advancement of ITS. In this context, the preparations for our next flagship conference, the IEEE Intelligent Vehicle Symposium in Anchorage, AK, USA, on 4–7 June 2023, are underway. The conference will feature the advancements in the field through plenary talks, technical sessions, poster sessions, tutorials, workshops, exhibitions, and an industrial demo challenge. Research papers, simulation challenges, and applications on intelligent vehicles and intelligent vehicle infrastructures will be presented and discussed in the framework of a competitive technical program and a memorable social program.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the ITSS Members that have been elevated by our Society to the 2023 class of IEEE Fellows: Alexandre Bayen, “for contributions to distributed parameter systems control, with applications to mobile sensing and automotive systems,” and Yin-hai Wang, “for contributions to traffic sensing, transportation data science, and smart infrastructure systems.”

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The attendees at the IEEE ITSS 2022 Annual European Chapters Meeting.



Last, I would also like to congratulate the 2022 ITS award recipients: Chelsea C. White III, IEEE ITS Lifetime Achievement Award, “for pioneering the development of ITS and the creation of the IEEE ITS Society”; Miguel Ángel Sotelo, 2022 IEEE Outstanding ITS Research Award, “for contributions in the field of Autonomous Driving and Road Users’ Behavior Prediction”; Markus Lienkamp, 2022 IEEE Outstanding ITS Application Award on behalf of the Technical University of Munich Autonomous Motorsport Team, “for contributions to the development and deployment of software for handling a vehicle autonomously at the limits”; and Xiao Wang, IEEE ITSS Young Researcher/Engineer Award, “for her extensive industry experience and leadership in the research and development of ITS and autonomous driving fields.”

Thank you all for your many contributions to the field of ITS and for making the Society a valuable resource for professionals and students in the field.

Sincerely,

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