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Welcome from the 2017 CDC General Chairs

We would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the 56th IEEE CDC will be held, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

Having held very successful major control conferences in Australia, including the IFAC World Congress 1993 and the IEEE CDC 2000 hosted in Sydney, we are delighted to welcome you to revisit Australia for the 56th IEEE CDC in Melbourne. Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia and hosts very strong systems and control groups at a number of local universities. The weather conditions, infrastructure, tourist attractions and cosmopolitan atmosphere are ideal for a CDC. Located in one of the safest countries in the world, Melbourne offers a stable, prosperous foundation for international meetings and is a gateway to the Asia-Pacific region. With Australia's most multilingual population, Melbourne is a global city that provides a perfect blend of economic strength and an enviable lifestyle. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre offers excellent facilities and a wide range of hotels, cafes and restaurants that are walking distance from the conference venue. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors, including major sponsorships from both Melbourne City and the Victorian State Government.

We would like to thank Mario Sznaier (Program Chair), Luca Zaccarian (Program Vice Chair) and Constantino Lagoa (Program Vice Chair), as well as all the members of IPC for their hard work on preparing a high quality technical program. The work of Alessandro Astolfi (CEB Chair) on Paperplaza support was invaluable in a seamless review process. This year we have received 2123 regular and invited papers of which 1097 was accepted. CDC is constantly evolving and this year we have for the first time a number of papers in the program that were submitted and considered to CSS Letters. Also, to acknowledge the contributions of our valued colleague Robert Tempo who recently passed away, we have included a technical and a social session in the program.

We have had a great team working on this conference and we would like to thank and acknowledge them for their dedication and great work. Girish Nair (Finance Chair), Chris Manzie (Local Arrangements Chair), Wei Xing Zheng (Publications Co-Chair), James Welsh (Publications Co-Chair), Minyue Fu (Workshop Chair), Amir Aghdam (Registration Chair), Ian Manchester (Student Activities Chair), Valery Ougrinovski (Exhibits & Sponsorship Chair) and Zhiyong Chen (Sponsorship Chair). We would also like to gratefully acknowledge the work of our professional conference organisation ICMS Australasia and in particular Lili Lin who worked closely with our team.

I hope you'll enjoy the wonderful city and wonderful technical program we've put together.

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Prof. Dragan Nesic

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