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**Solicited Papers:** Research papers reporting on new developments in technological sciences. Industry and development papers reporting on actual developments of technology, products, systems and solutions. Tutorial and survey papers. Work-in-progress papers. In addition, ETFA 2008 solicits special session proposals to stimulate in-depth discussions in special areas relevant to the conference theme. Please consult the conference web page for more details.

**Topics within the scope of the conference include:**

**Information Technology in Automation**

- **Track Chairs:** Juergen. Jasperneite, OWL University of Applied Sciences, Germany; Daciey Dzung, ABB, Switzerland

**Industrial Communication Systems**

- **Track Chairs:** Stefano Vitturi, University of Padua, Italy; Julian Proenza, University of the Balearic Islands, Spain
- **Real-Time Communications and Applications:** Fieldbus Networks; Real-Time Ethernet Networks; Wireless and Hybrid (wired/wireless) Networks for Industrial Communications; Dependability Aspects and Fault Tolerance; Middleware for Industrial Communication Systems; Vertical Integration Aspects: Web-based Setup, Maintenance and Configuration; Internetworking; Formal Description Techniques; Internet and Access; Factory Applications and Case Studies; Performance Analysis of Industrial Communication Systems.

**Industrial Systems and Control, Modern Heuristics, Artificial Intelligence, and Data Mining in Automation**

- **Track Chairs:** Roberto Passerone, University of Trento, Italy; Thomas Nolte, Mälardalen University, Sweden
- **Design and Implementation:** Design Methodologies and Tools; Models of Computation and Formal Methods; Hardware/Software Co-Design; Real-Time Computing and Operating Systems; Real-Time Communications; Networked Embedded Systems Technology; Wireless Sensor Networks; Sensor Technology; IP Cores and Platforms; System on Chip and Architectures; Languages; Power Supply and Management; Data Integration and Fusion; Communication Modes; Quality of Service control; Case studies.

**Industrial Automated Systems and Controls**

- **Track Chairs:** Weng Khuen Ho, National University of Singapore; Javier Campos, University of Zaragoza, Spain
- **Formal Modeling of Manufacturing and Process Systems:** Simulation, Queueing Systems, Petri Nets, Synthesis and Analysis Techniques, Performance Evaluation and Reliability, Scheduling, Programmable Logic Control, Process Control, Intelligent Control, Supervisory Control, Failure Detection, Diagnosis, and Appropriate Control Strategies; Integration of Automation, Control and Supervision; Recent Developments in Standardization; Test Cases, Benchmarks, Tools; Discrete and Continuous Industrial Automation Systems; Automated Manufacturing Systems and Enterprise Integration; Concurrent Engineering, Rapid Prototyping, Data Base Technologies, Data Mining, Data Warehouses; Multimedia, Virtual Reality and Teleseparation; Applications and Experiences in Practice.

**Computational Intelligence and Modern Heuristics in Automation**

- **Track Chairs:** Milos Maric, University of Idaho, USA
- **Intelligent Systems and Control:** Modern Heuristics, Artificial Intelligence, and Data Mining in automation and industrial applications; Neural/Fuzzy/Evolutionary approaches in automation; Modern heuristics methods in factory automation based on predictive, adaptive control, recognition, navigation, motion control, competitive, self-organizing learning, and clustering; Computational Intelligence in wireless automation protocols such as Bluetooth, WiFi, and ZigBee; Computational Intelligence in security, reliability, and fault-tolerance in automation; Ant colonies optimization and swarm intelligence in automation; Also Petri Nets, Chaos, Markov models, Support Vector Machines, and Expert Systems.

**Intelligent Robots & Systems:**

- **Track Chairs:** Antoni Grau, Univ. Politecnica de Catalunia (UPC), Spain; J-H Lee, Ritsumeikan University, Japan
- **Machine Vision and Intelligence:** Actuators and Motion Control, Multisensor Fusion and Integration, Intelligent Robots and Systems, Intelligent Space.

**Conference Format:** The conference will comprise multi-track sessions for regular papers, to present significant and novel research results with a prospect for a tangible impact on the research area and potential implementations; work-in-progress (WIP) sessions; panel discussions on the state-of-the-art and emerging trends, involving leading experts from industry and academia; and public discussion sessions moderated by leading experts in the field of industrial automation systems.

**Submission of Papers:** The working language of the conference is English. Two types of submissions are solicited. Long Papers – limited to 8 double column pages in a font no smaller than 10-points. Work-in-Progress and Industry practice – limited to 4 double column pages in a font no smaller than 10-points. Manuscripts must be submitted electronically in PDF format, according to the instructions contained in the Conference web site.

**Best Paper Award:** Best paper awards in Factory Automation and Emerging Technologies will be presented at the conference banquet dinner. Authors of outstanding papers will be invited to submit a revised version of their papers for publication in a special section in IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics.

**Further Information:** ETFA’08 Conference Secretariat: Tel: +49 40 6541-2719; Fax: +49 40 65 41 20 04; Email: etfa2008@hsu-hh.de

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