



# Newsletter

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## Message from the President

I wish all of you a happy healthy and prosperous new year for 2010, although it is late, I believe you have already made a good start for this year.

This year the ACA marks now the 4th anniversary of its birth. As we recall, last year in 2009, the ACA had a very hectic year making quite several activities in a variety of cities within Asia. It includes the 7th ASCC 2009 held in Hong Kong, August 27~29, two Steering Committee Meetings, one in Tokyo, Japan, the other in Hong Kong, and one Friendship Meeting in Shanghai, China.

The ASCC 2009 was very well arranged and organized from the points of venue and technical programs by General Chair, Professor L.Qiu of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. I am sure that, thanks to the excellent work of his team, it provided a fruitful platform for control professors and researchers to exchange new findings and network information.

Many of professors, researchers and engineers in Asia now start to feel that they are important entity of the ACA. Thanks to several promotion events including those in IFAC World Congress 2008 in Seoul and ASCC 2009 in Hong Kong, as of today, 156 control people are registered as member of the ACA. The number of members is expected to rapidly increase as the ACA gets more activated and visible amongst Asian control researchers.

I am also very pleased to learn that the official periodical of the ACA, Asian Journal of Control (AJC) is getting more renowned recognition from control researchers not only within Asia but also in other regions of the world. According to Prof. L. Fu, EIC of The Journal, the journal's acceptance ratio showed roughly 25% on average based on statistics during the last three years (2007~2009), which implies that the journal is now already established as one of the top quality journal in the field of control.

All of these achievements we have made last year, I think was due to active motion and participation of SC members and strong support of the ACA members. I hope these last years' activities will become a momentum for the ACA to leap for the next stage-progress and advancement.

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