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GREETINGS FROM THE FUZZ-IEEE CONFERENCE CHAIR

On behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Neural Network Council, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Third IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems. As in the past two years, this conference has attracted a large number of excellent papers, showing the increasing momentum and growth in our field. We have organized the papers into several tracks, covering the development of theory and applications of fuzzy logic in control, modeling, decision analysis, databases, signal processing, specialized hardware, and reasoning, just to mention a few. We would like to highlight the increasing number of papers covering industrial applications as further evidence of this technology's maturity.

The symbiosis between fuzzy and neural systems was demonstrated last year, when we first combined FUZZ-IEEE '93 with ICNN '93. This synergy will be further enhanced this year, as we combine these two disciplines with a third emerging field, Evolutionary Computing. The Symposium on Computational Intelligence, running throughout the duration of the three conferences, should further cement the synergy. We hope that this new format will help researchers from the three fields identify and explore the opportunities derived from combining these technologies to solve challenging problems.

This result would not have been possible without the vision and efforts of Drs. Charles Robinson, Russell Eberhart, Robert J. Marks II, and Jacek Zurada. Their conception and nurturing of this idea have brought it to its current successful state. I was honored to be part of this group and coordinate my work with the other two conference chairs, Drs. Steven K. Rogers and Zbigniew Michalewicz.

However, the credits for the success of this conference go to many individuals. I want to thank Drs. Richard M. Tong and John Yen, for their role as finance and proceedings chairs, respectively. A special appreciation goes to Drs. Enrique Ruspini and Hamid Berenji for their tremendous efforts and long hours devoted to the conference program's organization.

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Dr. Piero Bonissone
Conference Chair

