



Editorial

Transition in an editorship

Hassan Khalil, who has been Editor for Nonlinear Systems and Control since January 1999, is relinquishing his position with *Automatica* effective with this issue. For the last ten years, we have seen a steady growth in submissions to *Automatica* in the area of nonlinear systems and control, for which the credit goes to Hassan. Prior to becoming an editor for *Automatica*, he already had an association with the journal, as associate editor, starting in July 1992. I thank Editor Khalil for his exemplary service and contributions to *Automatica* all these years, and wish him well in his future endeavors. He is leaving behind a very healthy operation.

As Hassan's successor, I am pleased to announce that Andy Teel, of the University of California, Santa Barbara, is taking over the editorship of this area, again effective with this issue. Andy has had a long association with *Automatica* as an associate editor, and has had editorial experience with several other international journals as well. The subject area to be covered by Editor Teel will continue to be called "Nonlinear Systems and Control", but will also carry on the inside front cover the parenthetical addition "including hybrid systems analysis and control" to highlight this growing sub-area of nonlinear systems and control. I welcome Andy Teel to the Editorial Board of *Automatica* in this new capacity.

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Andrew R. Teel received his A.B. degree in Engineering Sciences from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1987,



and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1989 and 1992, respectively. After receiving his Ph.D., he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Ecole des Mines de Paris in Fontainebleau, France. In 1992 he joined the faculty of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Minnesota, where he was an assistant professor until 1997. Subsequently, he joined the faculty of the Electrical and Computer

Engineering Department at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he is currently a professor.

His research interests are in nonlinear and hybrid dynamical systems, with a focus on stability analysis and control design. He has received NSF Research Initiation and CAREER Awards, the 1998 IEEE Leon K. Kirchmayer Prize Paper Award, the 1998 George S. Axelby Outstanding Paper Award, and was the recipient of the first SIAM Control and Systems Theory Prize in 1998. He was also the recipient of the 1999 Donald P. Eckman Award and the 2001 O. Hugo Schuck Best Paper Award, both given by the American Automatic Control Council. He is a Fellow of the IEEE. He has served as an associate editor for *Automatica* since 1999.

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