



## Welcome Message

Dear ITS Colleagues,

As General and Program Chairs of the IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium 2019 (IV19), we heartedly welcome you to Paris!

In 2019, our Society, the IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Society celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the Intelligent Vehicles Symposium. This is a Golden Age for IV, and for this anniversary, the IV Symposium Committee decided to offer you a comprehensive program in terms of scientific and technical content but also history and culture, several different aspects of the beautiful and busy city of Paris.

Therefore, IV19 will be held in several sites of Paris, all easily accessible using the efficient public transportation system of Paris. It starts on Sunday with 11 workshops and 2 tutorials taking place at MINES ParisTech in a historical building located on Boulevard Saint Michel, an iconic Latin Quarter avenue. Then it moves to a Convention Center in Issy-les-Moulineaux, a few metro stops away, where more than 300 papers from 37 countries will be discussed, through oral and poster sessions, together with 3 keynotes. The Gala Reception takes place in an historical and prestigious club, the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée, located next to the Champs Élysées and the French presidential Palace. Finally, because IEEE is about engineering and this means ideas as well as implementation, IV19 will move to the nearest test track, in Versailles, where more than 20 demonstrations will take place, most of them using dynamic vehicles, where you will be able to interact with the teams and get a deeper vision of all the challenges that remain in the domain of Intelligent Vehicles.

It would certainly be outrageous to come to Paris and not have time to visit it. We cannot help thinking of the terrible fire that recently devastated Notre-Dame, and you could still see remotely the stone structure that was saved thanks to the courage and skills of Paris' firefighters. But there are many other sites worth a walk and therefore Sunday and Monday evenings were left free.

During the conference several awards will be presented. As you know, IV is a single-track conference and the selection process was tremendous, from 550 submissions (as regular and workshop papers) to 350 accepted papers, to 32 oral presentations and finally 4 best papers. And we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the IV19 program for their involvement and substantial efforts, the associated editors and reviewers who ensure the evaluation quality, the workshops and tutorial organizers, the authors for sharing their latest work with us here at the conference and finally all the IV19 organizing committee members and volunteers who made this special edition possible.

We really hope that IV19 will provide all attendees with the chance to expand their knowledge, extend their network, enlarge their culture and meet with Paris. Welcome in the City of Lights!

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