

Preface

The 5th Junior European Meeting on Control and Information Technology was organized by the Institute of Cybernetics at Tallinn University of Technology in cooperation with the Competence Center in Electronics-, Info- and Communication Technologies ELIKO in Tallinn on 20–22 September 2006. The Junior European Meetings are a perfect example of self-organized informal conference framework, driven by the initiative of young researchers of different European countries, without any guidance from international scientific organizations. The main goal of these meetings is to create a possibility for young researchers to present their results, exchange ideas, find new contacts, and get inspiration for future work. It is a tradition of the meeting that no restriction is imposed on the topic of presentations. Thus a wide variety of results has been presented. The topics of the presentations have varied from those concerning theoretical areas like, e.g., application of algebraic methods, optimal control, and systems on time-scales, to a practical area like a voice-controlled robot. The Tallinn meeting welcomed nearly 30 participants from 5 different countries. Altogether, 20 regular oral talks, 2 plenary lectures, and one technical demonstration were presented. The range of the topics is more precisely illustrated by the articles published in the present issue of the *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences. Physics. Mathematics*. All papers have passed the normal refereeing procedure.

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