

Welcome Message

On behalf of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society and on behalf of the organizing committee of INDIN'04 we would like to welcome you at the Second IEEE Conference on Industrial Informatics INDIN'04 in Berlin. Going back to an idea born at a special session at IECON02 in Sevilla, our first INDIN was held last year in Banff, Canada, and in 2005 INDIN will be organized in Perth, Australia.

As it results from the strong feedback to the Call for Papers, this initiative is meant to become the major forum for integration of the dispersed efforts led by academia and industry around the world into a strong, unified community dedicated to development and deployment of information technologies into industrial arena. Our purpose is to bring together a community balancing academia and industry leaders into a joint effort to find solutions in the area of industrial information technologies.

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Yours truly



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