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The 2017 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, ICUAS'17, will be held on June 13-16, in the luxurious Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL, http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/miabbmiami-marriott-biscayne-bay/, the only marina front downtown hotel. June 13 will be a Workshop/Tutorial day, followed by a three-day technical Conference on June 14-16. Judging from the interest ICUAS has drawn over the past eight years and its growth, ICUAS'17 is again expected to continue on this path and attract the highest number of participants from academia, industry, federal and state agencies, government, the private sector, users, practitioners and engineers who wish to be affiliated with and contribute technically to this highly demanding and rapidly evolving and expanding field. Details may be found at http://www.uasconferences.com and related links. ICUAS'17 is fully sponsored by the ICUAS Association, a non-profit organization; Information about the organization may be found at www.icuas.com. The theme of ICUAS'17 will focus on the very challenging and timely topic of 'networked unmanned systems'. National and international organizations, agencies, industry, military and civilian authorities are working towards defining roadmaps of UAS expectations, technical requirements and standards that are prerequisite to their full utilization, as well as legal, policy and ethical issues. The next generation of UAS is expected to be used for a wide spectrum of civilian and public domain applications. Challenges to be faced and overcome include, among others, see-and-avoid systems, robust and fault-tolerant flight control systems, payloads, communications, levels of autonomy, manned-unmanned swarms, network-controlled swarms, as well as challenges related to policies, procedures, regulations, safety, risk analysis assessment, airworthiness, certification issues, operational constraints, standardization and frequency management, all of paramount importance, which, coupled with 'smart', 'environmentally friendly' cutting edge technologies will pave the way towards full integration of UAS with manned aviation and into the respective national airspace.

ICUAS'17 aims at bringing together different groups of qualified military and civilian representatives worldwide, organization representatives, funding agencies, industry and academia, to discuss the current state of UAS advances, and the roadmap to their full utilization in civilian and public domains. Special emphasis will be given to current and future research opportunities, and to 'what comes next' in terms of the essential technologies that need to be utilized to advance further UAS. Conference topics include:

Airspace Control Integration See-and-Avoid Systems Airspace Management Interoperability Security Airworthiness Levels of Safety Sensor Fusion Air Vehicle Operations Manned/Unmanned Aviation Simulation Autonomy Micro- and Mini- UAS **Smart Sensors** Biologically Inspired UAS Navigation Standardization Certification Networked Swarms Swarms Control Architectures Technology Challenges Payloads

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Energy Efficient UAS Path Planning Training
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Frequency Management Risk Analysis UAS Testbeds

Unmanned system collaboration and coordination, formation control, validation and verification and unmanned system design for assured autonomy, are topics of great interest to ICUAS'17.

Through Keynote addresses, round table panel discussions and presentations, it is expected that the outcome of the Conference will be a clear understanding of what industry, military, civilian, national/international authorities need, and what are the crucial next steps that need to be completed before UAS are utilized in everyday life applications.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 12, 2017: April 14, 2017: May 5, 2017: April 14 – May 5, 2017: Full Papers/Invited Papers/Tutorial Proposals Due Acceptance/Rejection Notification Upload Final, Camera Ready Papers Early Registration

PAPER SUBMISSION

All papers must be submitted and uploaded electronically. Go to https://contols.papercept.net. Click on the link "Submit a Contribution to ICUAS'17" and follow the steps. The paper format must follow IEEE paper submission rules, two-column format using 10 point fonts, Times New Roman. The maximum number of pages per submitted paper is 10. For accepted papers, up to two additional pages will be permitted for a charge of \$100 per additional page. Illustrations and references are included in the page count. Invited and Special Sessions: Proposals for invited/special sessions must be submitted/uploaded electronically. A Summary Statement describing the motivation and relevance of the proposed session, invited paper titles and author names must be uploaded electronically by February 12, 2017. In addition, authors must submit FULL versions of invited papers electronically, through https://contols.papercept.net. Each paper must be marked as 'Invited Session Paper'. Workshops/Tutorials: Proposals for workshops/tutorials should contain title, the list of speakers, and extended summaries (2000 words) of their presentations. Proposals must be sent by e-mail to the Tutorial/ Workshop Chair by February 12, 2017. Paper Review Process: All submitted papers will undergo a peer review process coordinated by the Program Chairs, Advisory Committee Members, IPC members and qualified reviewers. Authors will be notified of results at the latest by April 14, 2017. Accepted papers must be uploaded electronically no later than May 5, 2017. Authors are encouraged to accompany their presentations with multimedia material, which will be included in the Conference Digital Proceedings. Conference Proceedings will be acquired by IEEE and they appear in IEEE Xplore.