

Chairmans Invitation

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you on behalf of the organizing committee to attend the 13th European Signal Processing Conference: EUSIPCO'2005. The EUSIPCO conferences had started in 1980 as a triennial event, soon to be converted to a biennial rhythm, and finally it assumes now a yearly cadence. The EUSIPCOs have zigzagged throughout Europe in various cities, from northernmost Tampere to southernmost Rhodes, from westernmost Amsterdam to easternmost Antalya. This is also the first time it is being held in Turkey.

The conference city, Antalya, is a lively and rapidly developing eastern Mediterranean port. The city is located on cliffs overlooking the sea and situated against the background of the Himalayan-Alpine chains, the Taurus Mountains. Historically it has been an important harbor city along the ancient trade routes crisscrossing between Egypt, Phoenicia, Greece and Rome.

As in each EUSIPCO, there are some novelties in this year's conference as well. EUSIPCO'2005 hosts signal processing-related activities, meetings and demo sessions from several European Framework 6 projects. Another change is that lunches and social activities are included in the registration fee, the intention being to enhance the togetherness spirit of the signal processing community.

This conference was prepared with the concerted effort of many volunteers. I would like to thank in particular my assistant Helin Dutagaci for her cleverness in single-handedly managing the paper handling and program preparation chores. I appreciate the contributions of Semih Poroy for designing our logo, and the artistic contributions of Tayfun Akgül, especially for the signal processing cartoon exhibit. The formatting of the book of abstracts was meticulously carried out by Serap Kirbiz, Melike Erol and Süleyman Baykut. Finally I would like to extend a warm welcome from all the members of the EUSIPCO organizing committee and look forward to an informative and enjoyable EUSIPCO'2005.

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