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Plenary Lecture 1

Deep insight into the still hidden theory of isoenergetic flow



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Abstract: The Aim of the Work: This intrinsic analytic study was done with the aim of improving and enriching the knowledge about the local physical phenomena encountered in both fluid mechanics and magneto-fluid dynamics, elaborating a new physical & mathematical model of fluid flow and magnetic field, by using a special type of coordinate system. It continues a series of works presented by the author at the 5th WCNA and at some WSEAS conferences in 2008, representing a real deep insight into the still hidden theory of isoenergetic flow, this one being a lesser known domain in the physical sciences (approaching some new special topics in classical potential theory, fluid mechanics, aerothermodynamics and magneto-hydrodynamics, including plasma). So far, to the best of the author's knowledge, nowhere in the world literature a method to obtain the general case of first integrability for the vector equations of motion has been considered, but very particular cases only. These include the vector equation of motion in the steady and unsteady inviscid (or viscous) fluid mechanics (D. Bernoulli and D. Bernoulli-Lagrange integrals), the vector equation of motion and the “magnetic induction” one in magneto-hydrodynamics, as well as the system of these two simultaneous vector equations in magneto-hydrodynamics. As its title shows, this work is fully original.

Key-Words and Phrases: rotational flows, steady and unsteady flows, virtual “isentropic” (Bernoulli's) surfaces, inviscid and viscous fluids, compressible fluids, flow of an electroconducting fluid in an external magnetic field; Selescu's vectors, space curves (vector lines) and virtual “zero-work” surfaces

2000 Mathematics Subject Classification: 31 Potential theory; 70 Mechanics of particles and systems; 76 Fluid mechanics; 78 Optics, electromagnetic theory; 80 Classical thermodynamics, heat transfer

Extended Abstract: A model of the isoenergetic flow of an inviscid fluid was introduced, in order to establish a simpler form for the general PDE of the velocity potential. It consists mainly in using an intrinsic system of triorthogonal curvilinear coordinates (one of them being tied to the local specific entropy value). The choice of this system enables the treatment of any 3-D flow (rotational, steady and unsteady) as a potential 2-D one, introducing a 2-D velocity “quasi-potential”, specific to any isentropic surface. The dependence of the specific entropy on this velocity “quasi-potential” was also established. On the above surfaces the streamlines are orthogonal paths of a family of lines of equal velocity “quasi-potential”. This model can be extended to some special (but usual) cases in magneto-plasma dynamics (taking into account the flow vorticity effects, as well as those of the Joule–Lenz heat losses), considering a non-isentropic flow of an inviscid electroconducting fluid in an external magnetic field. There always are some space curves along which the motion equation admits a first integral, making evident a new physical quantity – Selescu's magneto-hydrodynamic vector $\$$. For a fluid with an infinite electric conductivity (like highly ionized plasma), these curves are the flow isentropic lines, also enabling the treatment of any 3-D flow as a “quasi-potential” 2-D one. The model was extended to the viscous Newtonian fluid flows and to visco-magnetic flows of conducting fluids respectively, introducing some “zero-work” (for the non-conservative terms) surfaces, some new physical quantities – Selescu's vectors (roto-viscous S , S_i , roto-visco-magnetic $\$$, and magnetic S_m), new intrinsic coordinate systems, and a 2-D magnetic “quasi-potential”, searching for and finding first integrals for the motion equation in viscous fluid mechanics and in MHD, and for the equation of magnetic induction (separately treated), the last one in a similar way to the vortex equation for a viscous Newtonian incompressible fluid. The new model was analyzed in order to find a case of first integrability in MHD for the system of motion and magnetic induction simultaneous equations, establishing a special procedure for finding such first integrals. In almost all cases treated, the newly found first integrals are similar to D. Bernoulli and D. Bernoulli–Lagrange ones, being obtained by a procedure for eliminating the non-conservative terms in the respective equations. The PDE of the velocity potential, that of the isentropic surfaces, as well as those of Selescu's vector lines and zero-work surfaces, were also given.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

Dr. Richard Selescu graduated as an engineer from the Polytechnic Institute Bucharest, the Faculty of Mechanics, Department of Aircraft Engineering in 1970. He is working in the National Institute for Aerospace Research "Elie Carafoli" – INCAS, Department of Aerodynamics, at the Trisonic Wind Tunnel Laboratory. He received his PhD degree in Aerodynamics and Fluid Mechanics at the Aerospace Engineering Faculty of the "Politehnica" University Bucharest in 1999. Among the research fields of interest, he approached the analytic modeling in aerodynamics, fluid mechanics and magnetofluid dynamics. Thus, he introduced the following nomenclature: the isentropic surfaces and a 2-D velocity quasi-potential function on these surfaces (in fluid mechanics); the zero-work surfaces for the non-conservative terms in the motion equation (in viscous fluid mechanics and magnetofluid dynamics); some new physical quantities – the roto-viscous vector (in Newtonian viscous fluid mechanics), the incompressible roto-viscous vector (in viscous incompressible fluid mechanics, for the vortex equation), the magneto-hydrodynamic vector (in inviscid magnetofluid dynamics), the roto-visco-magnetic vector (in viscous magnetofluid dynamics) and the magnetic vector (in visco-magnetic magnetofluid dynamics, for the equation of magnetic induction); a new shock-free axisymmetric supersonic flow – the tronconical flow (in supersonic aerogasdynamics); the similarity depth for satisfying the gas-hydrodynamic analogy (in supercritical hydrodynamics).

Plenary Lecture 2

Neural Network Models for Pattern Recognition in Satellite and Aerial Imagery with Environment and Defense Applications



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Abstract: This lecture is an approach dedicated to the improvement and experimentation of several neural network pattern recognition models for satellite and aerial imagery. One considers the following neural network classifiers: Multilevel Perceptron (MLP), Radial Basis Function (RBF) neural net, supervised Self-Organizing Map (SOM), and the system of Concurrent Self-Organizing Maps (CSOM). CSOM was previously proposed by the author of this lecture; it is in fact a model of Concurrent Neural Classifiers (CNC), representing a collection of small neural networks, which use a global winner-takes-all strategy. Each neural module is trained to correctly classify the patterns of one class only and the number of modules equals the number "M" of classes. One considers the case of choosing the SOM (Self-Organized-Map) as a neural module. We built "M" training pattern sets and each neural module is trained with the pattern set characterized by the corresponding class label. We have implemented and evaluated the above mentioned neural classifier models for two kind of applications. First application investigates multispectral satellite image classification for environment monitoring. The implemented neural classifiers are evaluated using a LANDSAT 7 ETM+ image. One takes in consideration both the interband and also the intraband pixel correlation of the 7-band image. There is a subset containing labeled pixels, corresponding to several thematic categories: urban areas, agricultural fields, woods, water, bushes, meadows and barren fields. The best experimental result is obtained by CSOM model and it corresponds to the recognition rate of 99.11%. Second application evaluates the considered neural network models for Automated Target Recognition (ATR) based on spot Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imagery. One uses the MSTAR (Moving and Stationary Target Acquisition and Recognition) database for three categories of military vehicles: BMP2 (Tank), BTR 70 (Armored car) and T72 (tank). The best performance corresponds also to the CSOM model and it leads to the recognition rate of 95.81%.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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He has been included in Who's Who in the World and Europe 500 and he has been nominated by the American Biographical Institute for American Medal of Honor and for World Medal of Honor. He has been a Member IEEE since 1978 and a Senior Member IEEE since 1984. He has been a plenary speaker for several WSEAS conferences since 2006 till 2009.

Plenary Lecture 3

Hand-based Biometrics: High Security vs. Low Security



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Abstract: In this Plenary Lecture, will be comment the some biometric approaches and its real possibility for its use on high and low security applications. The advances of multimodal biometric systems and the new biometric system allow its use in different scenarios. The unions of technology and the biometric business have increased its expansion. The use of biometric recognition systems has yielded significant progress in the last years. However, considerable advances on both system precision and cost reduction of sensors, has not produced an increase in user's confidence, mainly due to lack of reliability in real operational environments, and also due to privacy and vulnerability concerns. In order to alleviate the problems generated by the adoption of biometric systems, which are in any case highly valuable for industrials, the innovative development of a biometric scheme is proposed; operating in realistic environments, the system will incorporate the following features:

1. Multibiometric, incorporating three different perspectives: multimodal, multi-shot and multi-level.
2. High transparency and acceptability, and low intrusiveness of the adopted intra-modalities on hand-based biometrics, as far as users accept them as being highly transparent, and do not require user cooperativeness, nor show social refusal, as iris or fingerprints do.
3. Combined use of these intra-modalities in order to attain reliability comparable to iris or fingerprint modalities.
4. Use of objective quality measures of the test sample, in order to weight the multibiometric fusion process, inducing so an improvement in the authentication rates.
5. Hardware and software development oriented to conduct match-on-card tests, in order to improve privacy and protection to vulnerability features.
6. Unsupervised database acquisition of the referred biometric traits, producing data availability close to operational conditions in real environments.
7. Removal of technological dependencies by means of free-code availability.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 4

Engineering Application Software: A Formal Primer



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Abstract: Formal methods--be they logical (such as model checking) or algebraic (such as model-based testing)--have established themselves as mainstream tools for verification and validation. Hardware, device drivers, and network protocol have all been formally validated in various contexts. Recent Turing prizes have recognized this success. When it comes to specifying and verifying complex application software, formal methods have hit however a stumbling block. Indeed, conformance testing is traditionally based on finite-state formalisms: a system is at any time in one of the multitude of named states. Such an approach fails for complex software because of the sheer number of necessarily distinct states (already happening in simpler systems, but becoming simply unmanageable for complex applications such as word processors or operating systems). Bringing conformance testing to complex application software is an emerging area. Typical programming languages (and thus the control flow of software programmed using them) feature nested, recursive invocations of program modules. These features are modelled naturally by context-free languages. Many non-regular properties are therefore required for software verification. Such properties generate an finite state space, which cannot be handled by finite-state process algebrae or by standard verification techniques such as model checking. Context-free process algebrae such as BPA can specify context-free properties. However, concurrency cannot be provided by context-free process algebrae since context-free languages are not closed under intersection. This talk focuses on the quest of finding a formalism that is expressive enough to model the context-free phenomenae from complex software yet allows for a compositional approach to conformance testing. We start with visibly pushdown languages (VPL), a promising construct which unfortunately is not suitable for compositional specification and verification. We extend VPL to multiple stacks, obtaining multi-stack visibly pushdown languages (MVPL). These languages model concurrency naturally, but their standard definition does not allow compositional approaches. We then present an alternate set of operations over MVPL that are natural and also permit compositional specification and verification. The subsequent tools for specifying complex, recursive application software will also be discussed.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 5

Combining mathematical forecasting with intuitive techniques for better decision making



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Abstract: Mathematical models are used to forecast new product sales. Forecasting using mathematical methods have been criticized by many researchers, as the forecasts are often not sufficiently accurate to be applied to business decisions. Forecasting new product sales may be improved by using intuitive techniques. In this paper intuitive techniques are applied to mathematical forecasting models. A growth curve predication model is developed; in addition a reference data set is used to validate the outputs, providing important lessons for managers.

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Plenary Lecture 6

Volatile Organic Compounds in Indoor Environment of Urban India



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Abstract: Indoor Air Pollution (IAP) describes the adverse ambient air conditions inside households, schools, places of work and other indoor spaces. This can be caused by a range of sources, including stoves, smoking, consumer products, furnishings, infiltration of outdoor air and machinery etc. Air pollution has become a major concern in India in recent years both because it is now clear that large parts of the Indian urban population are exposed to some of the highest pollutant levels in the world and also because new studies around the world on the health effects of air pollution have increased confidence in estimates of the risks posed by air pollution exposures. Most IAP issues studied in the developing world including India focus on combustion of coal, wood and other biomass fuels. Pollutants focused are mainly PM10 and PM 2.5. Very little work has been done on monitoring of VOCs in indoor of Indian urban cities. Limited studies carried out indicate high levels of VOCs in indoors. Sufficient data is available to categorise VOCs as a pollutant warranting control in indoor environment.

More than forty VOCs have been identified in variety of indoor environment viz residential, food court, theater, conference hall, library, offices, restaurant, bar, class rooms, bank and printing press in Mumbai and Kolkata. One fourth of these are Hazardous Air Pollutants. The exposure risk and Hazard Index has been estimated to be greater than 1.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 7

Circuit Analysis to Natural Resources and Environmental Economic Dynamics and Control



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Abstract: This study extends to the natural resource and environmental economics the use of the conventional circuit analysis and control in engineering. Resources and environmental management problems are investigated with help of continuous-time and discrete-time systems: optimal use of natural resources, growth models with polluting events and fishery models with open-access to the industry. This study introduces the fundamental block-diagram approach, with small-size applications to natural resources, pollution and fisheries management problems. The software MATHEMATICA (version 7.0.1.0) and its application packages are used for analyzing and solving the systems, symbolically and numerically.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 8

The advance experimental and numerical studies of water turbulent jets



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Abstract: This Lecture presents recent research in the field of free shear flows, especially those of the turbulent jets. The intervention in the extinguishing process in the real fire needs more information about the zones, and the splitting process, the diameters of the drops formed. The natural scale experiments was carried out , and also a numerical simulation, considering the instability of a water turbulent jet. These results gives important information about how and where must be a firefighter positioned in order to extinguish a fire in a shorter time, whit a minimum amount of water.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 9

The importance of results dissemination within multinational environmental projects. Case study: Project CIVITAS – SUCCESS



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Abstract: The main purpose of projects co-financed by European Community is to enhance the life of European citizens by implementing measures with immediate or long term effect. One of the main sectors targeted by the EC projects is the transport sector. The transport sector plays a critical role in modern economies, but the sector also accounts for an increasing share of energy end use and gaseous emissions. In the European Union the proportion of energy used by transport accounts for 29%, industry consumes 32%; and residential and other sectors the remaining 39%. Land transport accounts for 86% of total EU consumption in the transport sector, and almost all the energy used is in the form of oil products. This presents a challenging problem as regards security in energy supply. More than 80% of EU citizens live and work in cities, and it is here that the environmental problems caused by the transport sector become most acute. Irrational use of energy combines with environmental degradation, which in turn is linked to increasing traffic congestion. Program CIVITAS II specifically calls for the use of technologies, which are developed but not yet mainstream and the focus should be on short/medium term alternatives, i.e. innovative bio-fuels and natural gas, including hybrid vehicles that use these fuels. SUCCESS (Smaller Urban Communities in CIVITAS for Environmentally Sustainable Solutions) contributed to the implementation of many of the EU's policies, especially environment, energy and transport. It also answers to various questions of European wide interest and of strategic importance.

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Plenary Lecture 10

Achieving the Best Practices in Lightning Protection System



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Abstract: There are 2000 thunderstorms in progress at any time resulting in 100 lightning flashes to ground per second; this is 8 million per day. It causes of 24000 lightning deaths and other 240000 are injured per year. These data proves the critical needs for lightning protection system. In general, there are a lot of issues with regards to the selection of proper lightning protection systems. From the time of the first installation to the present day, characterization of the effectiveness remains a recurring question. Sustainability is an important criterion in ensuring the chosen protection system is governed by the international standards and of course technically and scientifically proven in effectiveness. The development of lightning protection principle throughout the world is based on solid science. Any scientific method can be summed up after the theory is formed, tested and conclusion is drawn. For the past 250 years, the lightning protection systems have been intensively studied and have been proven effectively many times. Field data recorded provides provide conclusive evidence that conventional lightning protection systems can provide substantial reduction in lightning-related incidents. The data clearly demonstrates the validity of the basic technology when the requirements are properly applied and adequately maintained. Therefore, the questions of what, why, when, where and how are remains valid towards achieving the best practice in lightning protection system.

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Plenary Lecture 11

Controlled stochastic jump processes



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Abstract: Such processes are widely used in Engineering Sciences, Biology, Insurance, Inventory Theory and so on. After describing mathematical models, we shall present a series of meaningful examples. One of the most powerful methods of obtaining an optimal control strategy is Dynamic Programming. Another modern method of attack is so called Convex Analytic Approach. In this lecture the both methods will be briefly discussed. The second half of the lecture will be devoted to more special models. First, we concentrate on the processes with local transitions, like birth-and-death processes. They are known to be successfully approximated by deterministic differential equations under so called "fluid scaling". New results on the accuracy of such approximation will be presented. Secondly, a new look at the well known "C-mu-rule" in the Queuing Theory will be discussed: we shall compare the stochastic and deterministic versions. Finally, we shall stop on applications of the theory to the optimal buffer sizing for Internet routers. The last several minutes will be devoted to more general models, open questions and new challenging real life problems.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 12

Resonant Absorption of Long Waves By Linear Microstructures



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Abstract: The effect of resonant absorption of long waves by the oscillator of little gabarits is investigated analytically and numerically. This effect means that absorption cross-section of the oscillator (monopole, dipole...) is defined by wavelength absorbed only, and does not depend on wave dimensions (much smaller, than the wavelength absorbed) of the oscillator. The expression of optimum amplitudes of excitation of the group of degrees of freedom (or oscillators) in the boundary problem of general type is obtained in the form of generalized velocities and generalized forces. Using the linear microstructures (formed by monopoles, which are located on the axis periodically) we investigated the possibility to achieve the maximum absorption cross-section of the acoustic waves by these microstructures of small wave dimensions. We consider the examples of linear microstructures, which provide unlimited logarithmic, linear and square growing of the total absorption cross-section, with growing of the quantity of elements (monopoles) in the linear microstructure with wave dimensions remaining small. The examples of cooperative and the individual strategies of absorbing oscillators are compared too. The results obtained can be used for another waves: for electromagnetic waves, water surface waves, waves of bending in elastic plates, etc.

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Plenary Lecture 13

Building Awareness and Understanding of Electrical Ecosystems as Confluence of Human Technical Applications and Earth Natural Systems



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Abstract: The focus of this presentation is to enhance the way of thinking that human activities cannot be separated from the functioning of the entire system on Earth. Learning from the Nature means to accept that the technical systems processes involving energy conversion and matter transformation need to be linked to environment engineering. An approach within the Industrial Ecology framework of technical systems (created by humans) and ecological systems (created by Nature) as parts of the same system, the industrial ecosystems, could provide a holistic view of the interactions and symbiosis interrelationships among human activities, industrial practices and ecological processes. Although Science not clarified and unified technical and ecological viewpoints, a set of conditions for the performance of sustainable electrical systems should be formulated. This presentation goes on to adopt a dualist view, incorporating technical and environmental dimensions, to describe exergy applicability to electrical ecosystems. Drawing up a description of the electric system as an industrial ecosystem, with its limits and components, defining the systems operation regimes and assessing the equilibrium points of the system within the two reference frames represent the appropriate steps of the industrial ecosystem metabolism analysis.

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Plenary Lecture 14

Strategic Alternatives for the Transport Sector and Fuel Consumption in Brazil



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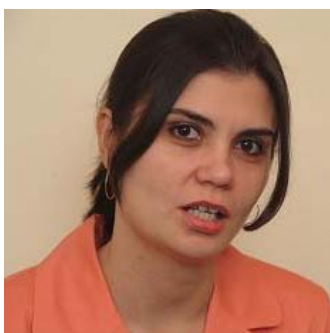
Abstract: This work proceeds a study of the national transport sector, for the fuel consumption and possible alternatives for the long term, in relation to the adoption of the Monte Carlo Model simulation. Through data collection and the selection criteria related to the problem are proposals and optimized objective functions, aiming to maximize and minimize the National GDP and the GDP of Transportation. Certain restrictions apply, involving road, rail, sea, air, demand versus fuel consumption and implicit economical variables, all in an optimal condition. Based on the obtained results, the influence of each constraint in the objective functions are analyzed, seeking the best scenarios and long-term strategies. Through sensitivity analysis, whose visualization is made possible by the use of linear programming methods and computer systems available look for and reveal trends of the array for transport and dominant energy source. Therefore, data analyses, obtaining results from the simulation models, are revealed essentially to clarify the long-term behavior for different values of the mathematical model proposal.

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Plenary Lecture 15

The Adoption of eBanking: an Application of Theories and Models for Technologies Acceptance



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Abstract: In an ever-developing society, a strong, viable economy is vital for any country that seeks to survive on the global market and to provide upwardly living standards for its citizens. Recognizing the above mentioned points as mandatory, Romania is taking steps to develop its electronic banking services to meet 21st century global standards. The eBanking services gained the attention of a major part of the traditional banking services customer because of the great importance of the financial activities within the daily life. This must be a plus for the bank, but this hypothesis is not confirmed by the real life. The paper identifies the factors that influence the customers' intention to use the electronic version for banking services. The user acceptance of Internet as new technologies that transform some traditional services and activities is a topic of interest for many professionals and researchers working in various domains. This paper presents the main theories employed in assessing the technology acceptance (theory of reasoned action, theory of planned behavior) as well as the technology acceptance models that have been developed on the basis of these theories. The focus of the paper is on the model develops and, implicitly, on the hypotheses that have to be tested in order to validate a model for the Internet acceptance in traditional banking services, based both on the content of the main theories employed in assessing the technology acceptance as Information Diffusion Theory, Trust, Technology Acceptance Model, Decomposed Theory of Planned Behavior and empirical studies, too.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 16

Environment Monitoring Based on Sensor Networks and Artificial Intelligence



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Abstract: This paper presents some considerations on the applications in environment monitoring based on some concepts as: estimation, fault detection and diagnosis, theory of distributed parameter systems, applied to the physical processes from the environment, artificial intelligence, with its tool adaptive-network-based fuzzy inference and the intelligent wireless ad-hoc sensor networks. The environment may be seen as a complex ensemble of different distributed parameter systems, described with partial differential equations. Sensor networks have large and successful applications in monitoring the environment, they been capable to measure, as a distributed sensor, the physical variables, on a large area, which are characterizing the environment and to communicate at long distance the measured values, form the distributed parameter environmental processes. Using the modern intelligent wireless sensor networks multivariable estimation techniques may be applied in environment monitoring, ting distributed parameter systems. Nbase o these concepts environment monitoring becomes more easily and more performing. The paper presents some applications in environment monitoring, based on artificial intelligence, allowing treatment of the large, complex, non-linear and multivariable system of the environment by learning and extrapolation.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 17

Current Measurement Trends in Financial Reporting: From Historical Costs towards Fair Value Concept (and Back?)



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Abstract: Measurement in financial reporting is one of factors which determines the quality and reliability of presented information. There may be seen a conflict between the requirements for relevance and timeliness of measurement on one side and the reliability and conclusive evidence on the other side. However, it shall be stated that the important problem of measurement issues is the possibility of subjective manipulation with values, which is possible when using certain measurement bases.

Upon economic boom there can be seen higher optimism of investors which leads towards requirement of measurement of all accounting items at fair value, which mainly represents current market prices of assets. Using this concept means the turn from the prudence principle and conservative historical costs concept in financial accounting. Moreover fair value concept in financial accounting leads to higher tendency of revaluation assets or liabilities affecting profit or loss of the company.

Upon recession users reevaluate their views on accounting methods, especially the measurement bases. When we try to find out the reasons of economic crisis, we can hear opinions that it was very optimistic information given by fair value accounting in the period of economic boom. Current economic crisis may evoke the renaissance of conservative approaches in measurement, especially the applicability of prudence principle. Confidence in financial market upon crisis is thrilled; there can be seen strong price swings.

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture 18

Relation between Organizational Culture and Work Motivation in a Romanian State University



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Abstract: In Romanian public policy there is a lot of talking these days about the inefficiency of the educational institutions and the need for an educational system reform. We think that an important part of this national problem is the deficient organizational culture of each educational institution. The lecture presents the results of a research study that aimed to identify the type of the organizational culture existent in a Romanian state university, the way it is perceived by the employees, and identifying the type of the organizational culture wanted by the employees. We also evaluated the work motivation, emphasized the association with the type of the organizational culture and the correlation between a series of classificatory variables and the perception of the organizational climate. The research sample included a number of 102 university teachers, aged between 25 and 57, from assistant professors to full professors. We used two measures: ESA Questionnaire (Ciucurel, 2006), for evaluating the work motivation, and Organizational Culture Questionnaire (Harrison, Stokes, 1992). The results showed that the main organizational culture existent was the power type and that the employees hope for a support type. In what concerns the work motivation, teachers from the university had a high self-actualization motivation.

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