



On behalf of ISA, I would like to join ISA President Kim Miller Dunn in extend congratulations to the ISA Russia Section, ISA District 12, and the St. Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation (SUAI) for successfully organizing the fourth ISA European Student Paper Competition.

As a fellow educator, I am especially pleased with the focus that is placed on students within ISA and feel strongly that students are an important part of the Society today and are essential to our future.

The close relationship between ISA, the Russia Section, District 12, and the SUAI is exhibited through some of our ongoing partnerships. From distance learning classes on project management to international online forums, we are developing new understanding in the technical, cultural, and personal arenas.

I extend my congratulations to those who developed papers for this volume and to the advisory committee who had the difficult task of making the paper selections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald W. Cockrell".

Gerald W. Cockrell
2008 ISA President-elect Secretary