



On behalf of ISA, I would like to 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.

Students are a vital part of ISA and the Society remains committed to promoting education in automation technologies as a means to advance the Society's mission in "setting the standard for automation."

ISA's student sections provide an excellent forum for networking among students and with practicing professionals around the globe. In addition, the Society supports scholarship programs and student competitions to assist students in understanding the opportunities that await them upon graduation and in the pursuit of their automation careers.

The papers published in this volume, selected by the advisory committee, represent the best contributions from among an excellent group of papers. All of the students that committed their time to prepare a paper are to be commended for their excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Miller Dunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Kim Miller Dunn
2008 ISA President