



On behalf of ISA, I extend congratulations to the ISA Russia Section, ISA District 12, and the St. Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation (SUAI) on successfully completing the fifth ISA European Student Paper Competition.

Students are important to ISA and student sections provide an excellent forum for networking among peers and with practicing professionals around the globe. We hope involvement as a student Member will help you better understand the exciting automation career opportunities that await you upon graduation. We hope you will remain involved in ISA and help advance Society's mission in "setting the standard for automation."

The papers published in this volume, selected by the advisory committee, represent the best contributions from among an excellent group of papers. The students who committed their time to prepare a paper should be very proud to be selected for this publication.

Sincerely,

Nelson Ninin

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