Dear Friends and Colleagues

We are happy to invite you to join us at [WOSC 17th Congress:](#)

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WOSC 2017, the 17th Congress of **World Organisation of Systems and Cybernetics**, will offer a space for conversations about social dynamics from a cyber-systemic perspective.

The construction of its agenda has been highly participative; efforts have been made to support diversity within the shared thematic of **Science with and for Society**. In particular, we want to focus on challenges of the 21st century. Its realisation is supported by a network of scientists from different parts of the world, which goes beyond the usual running of parallel tracks.

In the next few days we will open the Call for Abstracts and will welcome submissions of extended abstracts, focused on any of the Congress´s 16 tracks, which have been organised in three themes.

Themes and tracks

Theme1: People, technology and governance for sustainability

1. Human aspects of managing systems
2. Smartness and sustainability
3. Smart technologies and big data
4. The Brain of the future
5. Governance in the Anthropocene: cybersystemic possibilities

Theme 2: Democracy, interactions and organisation

6. Community self-organization
7. Democracy and transparency
8. Interactions revolution: how to harmonise interactions within and between complex adaptive systems
9. Law, commons, social dynamics
10. Knowledge to manage the knowledge society: non explicit, non-invasive and non-directive management
11. The role of emergence within organizations
12. The role of Higher Education for Sustainable Development

Theme 3: Cyber-systemic thinking, modelling and epistemology

13. How can systems thinking help to bring solutions to humankind problems in the 21st century?
14. Think outside the box with Systems Dynamics
15. Quantum Modelling
16. Reflexivity, Second order science, and Context

Submitting an abstract:

Submitted and accepted abstracts will be published in WOSC 2017's Book of Abstracts.

In order to submit an extended abstract, authors need to consider Author Guidelines.

Refereed Publication of Congress papers

Authors with an accepted abstract will be invited to submit a full research paper and attend the Congress. Papers, presented at the Congress,will be considered for the publication in one of the following journals:

• Kybernetes,
• International Journal of Systems and Society,
• Futures,
• International Journal of Markets and Business Systems

Instructions for full paper submission will be available in Instructions for Full Paper Submission in the website.

Summary of Congress Schedule

• 30 AUGUST 2016: EXTENDED ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE
• 15 OCTOBER 2016: NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE
• 15 NOVEMBER 2016: EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE
• 15 NOVEMBER 2016: REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTED AUTHORS
• 20 DECEMBER 2016: TENTATIVE CONGRESS PROGRAM
• 10 JANUARY 2017: FULL PAPERS SUBMISSION
• 15 JANUARY 2017: OFFICIAL CONGRESS PROGRAM
• 25-27 JANUARY 2017: CONGRESS

Looking forward to seeing you in Rome,

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