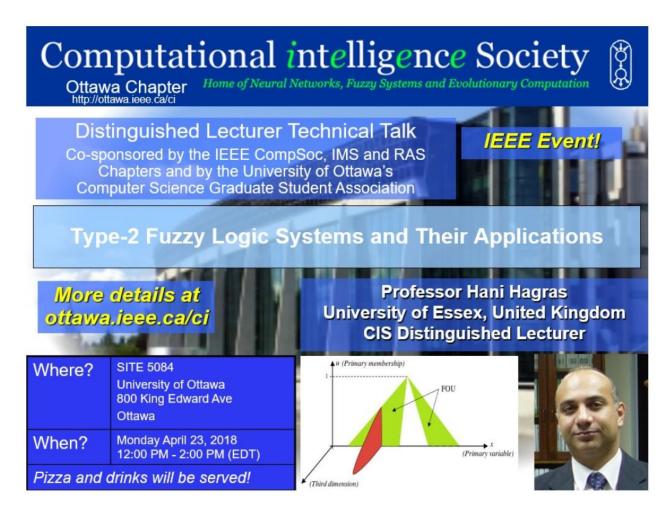
## DL VISIT REPORT – Professor Hani Hagras Ottawa, Canada – April 21-23, 2018

The IEEE Computational Intelligence / Systems, Man and Cybernetics (CI/SMC) Joint Ottawa Chapter had the privilege of hosting Professor Hani Hagras (University of Essex, United Kingdom), IEEE CIS Distinguished Lecturer, during his visit to Ottawa from April 21-23, 2018. Professor Hagras' trip was sponsored by IEEE CIS, the local IEEE Robotics & Automation, Computer Society and CI/SMC joint Ottawa chapters as well as the University of Ottawa's Computer Science Graduate Student Association (CSGSA).

Professor Hagras arrived on Saturday April 21, 2018 at the Ottawa airport and was greeted by the chapter chair, Dr. Rafael Falcon. He was then driven to his accommodation, the Embassy Hotel & Suites, conveniently located steps away from Ottawa City Hall and the Rideau Canal.

The April 23th DL technical talk was intensely advertised through multiple channels: (1) an IEEE e-Notice to all CI/SMC chapter members, (2) EventBrite.ca, (3) the students and staff at the University of Ottawa's School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and (4) all attendees to previous events. The event was technically and financially co-sponsored by the IEEE CI/SMC joint chapter, the Ottawa Robotics & Automation chapter, the Ottawa Computer Society chapter and the University of Ottawa's Computer Science Graduate Student Association (CSGSA).

The technical talk entitled "*Type-2 fuzzy logic systems and their applications*" was held at Room 5084, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Ottawa between 12:00 and 1:30 pm.



We had 18 attendees out of 35 registrations received via <a href="www.eventbrite.ca">www.eventbrite.ca</a>, with a good mix between students and practitioners/professionals. All attendees enjoyed a very lively discussion on the potential applications of Type-2 fuzzy systems. The audience was truly engaged as Professor Hagras journeyed through the building blocks of type-2 fuzzy systems and their plethora of successful applications. A very thought-provoking Q&A period followed.

Following the talk, the CI/SMC joint chapter vice-chair, Dr. Julio Valdes, drove Professor Hagras to the airport. Dr. Valdes wished Professor Hagras a safe travel home and passed on the gratitude on behalf of all chapter members for this short yet fruitful visit to Ottawa.

We gratefully acknowledge the support received from the IEEE CIS Distinguished Lecturer Program to have Professor Hagras visit Ottawa in the spring of 2018 and look forward to hosting more Distinguished Lecturers in the future.

Best regards,

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