

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to inform you of the appointment of Dr. Dimitrios Androutsos, P.Eng., as Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, effective July 1, 2015.

Dr. Androutsos joined the academic staff of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in January 2004. He received his B.A.Sc., M.A.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Toronto in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering. Prior to joining Ryerson, he was a Software Engineer and DSP Specialist at AF Associates in New Jersey, USA, Vision Research Scientist at Finline Technologies in Waterloo, Senior DSP Engineer at SOMA Networks in Toronto and Undergraduate Course Lecturer at the University of Toronto.

During his time at Ryerson, Dimitri has provided exemplary academic administrative involvement and leadership. In the Department of Electrical & Computer engineering, he served as Interim Department Chair in 2009-10, was Program Director for Electrical Engineering from 2006-2012, Industrial Internship Program Coordinator from 2005-2011, Multimedia/SPC Stream Coordinator from 2006-2009 and was the RFA Departmental Representative from 2005-2007. During these appointments, he was involved with many aspects of departmental administration ranging from CEAB accreditation, curriculum advancement, workload, budget and student engagement. Dr. Androutsos has also served on numerous University committees: He was a member of the Senate 2006-08, Academic Standards Committee 2006-2008, the Registrar's Advisory Group 2008-10 and, most notably, Dr. Androutsos has been a member of the Academic Computing Advisory Committee (ACAC) from 2006 to the present and has been chair of that committee for the last 7 years. During his time at ACAC, he has led the teams that recommended University-wide adoption of Google for Education, (for which they won the inaugural Ryerson Blue & Gold Award), and for the adoption of the new LMS by Desire2Learn to replace Blackboard. Dr. Androutsos also held the prestigious NSERC Chair in Design Engineering in 2010-12.

Since joining Ryerson, Dr. Androutsos has developed and taught four undergraduate courses and two graduate courses. He has won IEEE Ryerson Professor of the Year award three times (2006, 2008, 2010), Ryerson ELCE Graduate Professor of the Year 2008, the Ryerson GREET Teaching Excellence Award in 2006 and the Ryerson FEAS Teaching Excellence Award in 2005.

Dr. Androutsos' research achievements and contributions are also substantial. Beyond his numerous successful grants, his research in the area of Image, Video and Multimedia Signal Processing has led to over 31 International refereed journal publications, over 86 papers in refereed conference proceedings, three book chapters and two patents. He has successfully supervised 13 M.A.Sc students, 4 Ph.D. students, 2 Post-Doctoral Fellows and numerous undergraduate students. He serves as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Signal, Image & Video Processing and has served as Associate Editor for IEEE Signal Processing Letters, Journal of Multimedia and was Guest Editor for IEEE Signal Processing Magazine. Furthermore, he has been involved with numerous international technical conferences at various levels of organization. Dr. Androutsos is also a senior member of the IEEE, has served as the IEEE Toronto Section Membership Development Chair and currently is on the IEEE Signal Processing Society Membership Services Committee. He is also a registered professional engineer in Ontario.

Dimitri brings considerable academic experience and a strong and committed academic leadership to the Chair position. Please join me in offering him our best wishes for his leadership appointment, and our support for his future endeavors.

Sincerely,



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