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To the supporters and friends of the Carolo-Cup

Via e-Mail

Carolo-Cup 2023: Cancellation and outlook

Dear friends and supporters of the Carolo-Cup,

I am writing to you today with great gratitude, but also with deep regret.

Of a total of 15 Carolo-Cup events organized by the Institute of Control Engineering since 2008, 13 events took place in presence. Due to the pandemic, the last two could only be held virtually.

However, the Institute of Control Engineering will not be able to organize the Carolo-Cup 2023.

Numerous players have contributed to the success of the Carolo-Cup so far. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them:

First of all, Prof. Thomas Form, the initiator and "father" of the Carolo-Cup. He brought this competition into being. All these years he has accompanied and promoted its development with advice and action.

The Technische Universität Braunschweig, as the organizer of the Carolo-Cup, has made this annual event possible thanks to the support of the Executive Board and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Information Technology, Physics as well as the valuable contribution of many employees from various departments.

With great professionalism, competence and friendliness, the team at the Stadthalle Braunschweig, where the Carolo-Cup was held between 2016 and 2020, has given the growing competition ample space to develop further.

With its impressively powerful equipment and professionalism, the ags (Students' Group for Studio and Broadcasting Issues at the TU Braunschweig e.V.) has run the live stream of the Carolo-Cup for the last three years. They thus made it possible for spectators from all over to join the event.

Special thanks go to the numerous sponsors and partners from the industry, many of whom have faithfully accompanied the Carolo-Cup over the years, for their financial support and/or for sending experienced and committed judges.

Not to forget the students, members of the numerous teams from home and

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abroad, without whom the Carolo-Cup would not have been such a resounding success. They developed their automated model vehicles with joy and enthusiasm and competed with each other with remarkable team spirit and fairness.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of my institute, many of whom are already alumni. Year after year, they have taken over the organization of the next Carolo-Cup and, if necessary, passed the baton to the next generation. They have developed the concept of the Carolo-Cup with great dedication and commitment of their personal time. In the end, they have always put on another great event.

In view of this success story, the decision not to take over the organization of the Carolo-Cup in 2023 was not taken lightly. The reasons for this, after two pandemic years, are not only the reluctance of many sponsors and the lower response from the teams, but above all the increased workload at the Institute of Control Engineering due to the crisis and at the same time less financial leeway.

We are happy to actively support through knowledge transfer if another body wishes to take over the organization of the Carolo-Cup 2023.

We will continue to support the CDLC team associated with the Institute of Control Engineering regardless of this decision.

Should the response from teams, supporters, sponsors and thus the general conditions for the organizers change fundamentally, the Institute of Control Engineering may consider organizing the Carolo-Cup again in 2024.

Otherwise, we will leave it at this grateful review.

Best wishes

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