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u	Juan Pablo Martinez- Piazuelo	Departament d'Enginyeria de Sistemes, Automàtica i Informàtica Industrial, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain June 2024	On the design of optimization-based controllers via generalized Nash equilibrium seeking in evolutionary games over networks	Awarded during ECC 2025, Thessaloniki, Greece by Doctor Denis Efimov
2023	Guido Carnevale	Department of Electrical, Electronic and Information Engineering "G. Marconi", Università di Bologna, Italy March 2023	Distributed optimization and games over Networks: A system theoretical perspective	Awarded during ECC 2024, Stockholm, SE by Doctor Denis Efimov

u	Elia Kaufmann	Dept. of Informatics University of Zurich, Swiss July 2022	Learning vision-based agile flight: From simulation to the real world	Awarded during ECC 2024, Stockholm, SE by Doctor Denis Efimov
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u	Henk van Waarde	University of Groningen, Netherlands November 2020	From data and structure to models and controllers	Awarded during ECC 2022, London, UK by Doctor Christophe Prieur

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2018	Pauline Bernard	MINES ParisTech, PSL Research University, France November 2017	Observer design for nonlinear systems	Awarded during ECC 2019, Naples, Italy by Prof. Maria D. Di Benedetto

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v	Victor Dolk	Control Systems Technology Department, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands November 2017	Resource-aware and Resilient Control with Applications to Cooperative Driving	Awarded during ECC 2019, Naples, Italy by Prof. Maria D. Di Benedetto
2017	Hafiz Ahmed	INRIA, University of Lille 1, France September 2016	Modeling and Synchronization of Biological Rhythms: From Cells to Oyster Behavior	Awarded during ECC 2018, Limassol, Cyprus by Doctor Denis Efimov
u,	Julian Barreiro-Gomez	Institut de Robòtica i Informàtica Industrial, CSIC-UPC, and Universidadde los Andes, Spain April 2017	The Role of Population Games in the Design of Optimization-based Controllers: A Large-scale Insight	Awarded during ECC 2018, Limassol, Cyprus by Doctor Denis Efimov
u u	Mohamed Adlene Maghenem	Université Paris-Saclay - Paris Sud, France July 2017	Stability and Stabilization of Networked Systems	Awarded during ECC 2018, Limassol, Cyprus by Doctor Denis Efimov

2016	Giulia Giordano	Dipartimento di Scienze Matematiche, Informatiche e Fisiche, Università degli Studi di Udine, Italy March 2016	Structural Analysis and Control of Dynamical Networks	Awarded during IFAC WC 2017, Toulouse by Doctor Denis Efimov and Prof. Luca Greco
2015	Thomas P. Prescott	Department of Engineering Science, University of Oxford UK June 2015	Large-Scale Layered Systems and Synthetic Biology: Model Reduction and Decomposition	Awarded during ECC 2016, Aalborg by Doctor Denis Efimov
u	Matthias A. Müller	Institute for Systems Theory and Automatic Control, University of Stuttgart, Germany July 2014	Distributed and economic model predictive control: beyond setpoint stabilization	
2014	Mathias Bürger	Institute for Systems Theory and Automatic Control, University of Stuttgart, Germany December 2013	Duality and approximation Methods for cooperative optimization and control	Awarded during ECC 2015, Linz by Doctor Denis Efimov

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2013	Delphine Bresch-Pietri	MINES ParisTech - Centre Automatique et Systèmes, France December 2012	Robust control of variable time-delay systems. Theoretical contributions and applications to enginecontrol	Awarded during ECC 2014, Strasbourg by Doctor Françoise Lamnabhi-Lagarrigue
2012	Alessio Franci	Université Paris-Sud 11, France April 2012	Pathological synchronization in neuronal populations: a control theoretic perspective	Awarded during IEEE CDC 2013, Firenze by Professor Maria Domenica Di Benedetto and Doctor Romeo Ortega
2011	Justin Rice	Technische Universiteit Delft, Delft Center for Systems and Control, Netherlands September 2010	Efficient algorithms for distributed control: a structured matrix approach	Awarded during IEEE CDC-ECC 2011, Orlando, by Professor Maria Domenica Di Benedetto

2010	Ulrich Munz	Institute for Systems Theory and Automatic Control, University of Stuttgart, Germany March 2010	Delay Robustness in Cooperative Control	Awarded during IFAC World Congress, Milan, by Professor Sebastian Engell
2009	Alain Sarlette	University of Liege, Belgium March 2009	Geometry and Symmetries in Coordination Control	Awarded during IEEE CDC-CCC, Shanghai by Professor Maria Domenica Di Benedetto
v	Ruggero Carli	University di Padova, Italy March 2009	Topics on the average consensus problem	Awarded during IEEE CDC-CCC, Shanghai by Professor Marika Di Benedetto
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2007	Mircea Lazar	Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands September 2006	Model Predictive Control ofHybrid Systems	
o	Antoine Chaillet	Université Paris-Sud 11, France July 2006	Analyse et commande des systèmes variants dans le temps	