

Message from the General Chair

On behalf of the International Advisory Committee and the Local Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the International Joint Conference of the *9th Global Symposium on Millimeter Waves GSMM2016* and the *7th ESA Workshop on Millimetre-Wave Technology and Applications*. This Joint Conference is organized by MilliLab – Millimetre Wave Laboratory of Finland. MilliLab is a joint research institute between Aalto University and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd, and has the status of ESA External Laboratory on Millimetre Wave Technology.

This joint conference continues the traditions of two well established conferences. The annual GSMM started in 2008 in Nanjing and the following editions were organized in Sendai (2009), Seoul (2010), Espoo (2011), Harbin (2012), Sendai (2013), Seoul (2014) and in Montreal (2015). The ESA Workshop on Millimetre-Wave Technology and Applications is older but less frequent – its first and fifth editions were organized in 1995 and 2009, respectively, at ESTEC in Noordwijk, The Netherlands, while all others (1998, 2003, 2006, 2011) at MilliLab in Espoo, Finland.

The joint conference is a global forum for researchers, engineers and practitioners to present and discuss recent breakthroughs, innovations and emerging techniques in the field of millimeter-wave and terahertz science and technology, especially sensing and communications. The conference program is composed of invited keynote speeches, technical sessions, and exhibitions in the following (but not limited to) topics: Millimeter-Wave Antennas and Passive Devices, Millimeter-Wave Active Devices and ICs, Millimeter-Wave and THz Sensing, Millimeter-Wave and THz Communications, Sub-Millimeter-Wave and THz Technologies, and Emerging Technologies.

The Conference Dinner will be held at Restaurant Walhalla in the Sea Fortress Suomenlinna (UNESCO's World Heritage site), which we will reach by a boat cruise from the conference venue.

All submitted papers will go through a rigorous review provided by about 90 international experts. All papers presented at the conference will be published through the IEEE Xplore (IEEE MTT-S is a technical co-sponsor of this conference). The exceptional papers will be honored with the best paper award sponsored by the European Microwave Association (EuMA).

Welcome to Espoo, Finland! Enjoy the conference and the natural beauty of Finland!

Antti Räisänen
Conference General Chair

