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Dear Professor Chen:

It is my pleasure to let you know that you have been selected as the inaugural recipient of the 2021 A.V. Balakrishnan Early Career Award for Scientific Excellence in Research in recognition of your outstanding and pioneering contributions in uncertainty control.
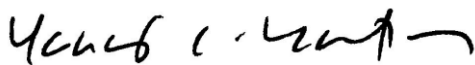
The A.V. 'Bal' Balakrishnan Award for Excellence in Scientific Research in the Mathematics of Systems was established by the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California (USC) through a generous gift from Mrs. Sophia Balakrishnan, honoring the memory of her late husband Professor A. V. 'Bal' Balakrishnan, a well-known researcher and Professor in the area of the Mathematics of Systems.

The Early Career Award is given to an individual for research work that has been done within ten years of the awardee's PhD. The award is based on the work's potential and promise, as well as the researcher's career accomplishments or contributions to the field. Your selection by a distinguished committee to receive this award was unanimous.

Please note that the Early Career Award carries an honorarium of $5,000. As the awardee, you will be required to give a lecture at USC in order to receive the award. Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, the lecture event will be hosted by the USC Viterbi School of Engineering in the Spring of 2022. We will provide the necessary details in due time.

Professor Chen, my warmest congratulations on this seminal accomplishment! We look forward to your visit in Spring 2022.

Sincerely,

Yannis C. Yortsos
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cc: Mrs. Sophia Balakrishnan
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