**INDIN 2024 Special Session on**

**SS 02 – Zero-Touch Network and Service Management Towards Industry 5.0**

# Call for Papers

Industry 5.0 is foreseen to upgrade Industry 4.0 towards placing human-being back to the center of industrial systems and applications. In particular, after the popularization of artificial intelligence (AI) in Industry 4.0, Industry 5.0 stems from pursuing an optimal collaboration and interoperability between humans and intelligent systems. Along with the industrial evolution, perceived emerging industrial services in Industry 5.0 (e.g., intelligent healthcare, supply chain, smart manufactory, etc.) have also been highlighted as the key targets of the communication network evolution from 5G towards 6G, where zero-touch network and service management has showcased its proliferation in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services, simultaneously with the growing trends of AI. Literally, promising to achieve 100% network automation, zero-touch network and service management not only provides a low-cost reliable communication to industrial domain, but also gains potential of ultra-high resilience, with the elimination of human’s biased and unstable judgement. However, on the other hand, it somehow generates conflicts with the goal of Industry 5.0, towards human-machine harmony, when no-human involvement is considered. Therefore, plenty of emerging challenges have been recognized, regarding the very early stage of the development/standardization of Industry 5.0, zero-touch network, and 6G. Typical challenges include limited automation of current AI technologies, lack of datasets in the network perspective, AI algorithmic interoperability, computation complexity regarding the requirement of ultra-low latency and high energy efficient network towards Industry 5.0, harmonization of multi-operator/tenancy/service scenarios, etc. This Special Issue focuses on tackling these challenges brought by zero-touch network and service management, considering the emerging applications and corresponding requirements towards Industry 5.0.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Machine learning/deep learning for zero-touch network and service management

- Network deployment/architecture/protocol (e.g., SDN, network slicing) for zero-touch networks

- AI-based big data analytics for emerging applications towards Industry 5.0 applications (e.g., healthcare, agriculture, supply chain, manufactory, etc.)

- Network as a Service (NaaS) based autonomous networks towards Industry 5.0

- Security and privacy for zero-touch network and service management

- Integrated testbed and case studies for pervasive AI and network automation for Industry 5.0

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