

Message from the Steering Committee

We are pleased to introduce the Ninth edition of the International Conference on COMmunication Systems and NETworkS (COMSNETS). The conference has a long-standing tradition of providing a rich technical program, with a mix of invited papers from recognized researchers, many high-quality technical papers derived from an even larger pool of general submissions, and a strong poster session that provides insight into cutting edge research topics. In to the technical program, several technical workshops have always been part of the COMSNETS offering and this year is no different. These workshops cover topics from the intersection of the Internet-of-Things (IoT) and Big Data, emerging topics in social networking, biomedical applications of computer networking, and new areas of research in intelligent transportation. Mobile India, the industrial track of the conference that is focused on the mobile economy, continues this year with slate of speakers and panelists representing many sectors of this important ecosystem. In addition, the Graduate Forum is continuing in its second year and providing a venue for students to discuss their ongoing research and have an opportunity to receive advice from leading researchers in their fields of study. Furthermore, the conference is providing a series of Mentoring Sessions for the second year, where young researchers can meet with established researchers one-on-one. The conference continues to take place in Bangalore, and the Steering Committee is grateful for the continued support from the management and staff of the Chancery Pavillion hotel for once again providing top-notch facilities for the conference.

COMSNETS 2017 has once again benefited from a carefully-assembled organizing committee, drawn from top researchers from around the world both in industry and academia. We are grateful to the entire organizing committee for their efforts in putting together this year's program. We sincerely thank the General Co-Chairs – Prof. Niloy Ganguly (Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur), Dr. Sergey Gorinsky (IMDEA Networks Institute, Madrid, Spain) and Prof. Ashutosh Sabarwal (Rice University, Houston, Texas). We are also appreciative of the efforts of the TPC Co-Chairs – Prof. Nishant Sastry (King's College, London), Prof. A. Chockalingam (Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore), and Prof. Rahul Mangharam (The University of Pennsylvania, USA). The General Chairs, TPC Chairs, the Technical Program Committee, Workshop Chairs, Panel Chairs, Poster Chairs, Graduate Forum Chairs, Demos & Exhibits Chairs, Publicity & Publications Chairs, Local Arrangements, Sponsorship and Registration Chairs have worked hard and put together the outstanding program for this year's conference. Once again, we sincerely thank Chandrika Sridhar and Sudipta Maitra for their outstanding contributions and continued support of the conference through the years. We would like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Ananda Krishna, Vijay Gabale, Sandip Chakraborty and Prasant Misra. The dedication, energy and tireless efforts of our enthusiastic colleagues have made a huge difference to the success of the conference, year on year.

The conference continues to benefit from many industrial sponsors and university partners. We give a special thanks to this year's Platinum Sponsor, Cisco. Cisco has been a generous sponsor of the conference for many years now. We also are sincerely grateful to our Silver Sponsors – Qualcomm, Microsoft, Tata Consultancy Services, and Google. In addition, we appreciate our Bronze Sponsors – Xerox, IBM Research, Bosch, Adobe and FIDO Alliance. In addition, we give a special thanks to conference partners Mojo Networks for providing all IT services for the conference, and our publication partner Springer. We are delighted to have the University of Pennsylvania, IISc Bangalore, IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Madras, IIIT Delhi and IIIT Bangalore as university partners. We are also delighted to continue our relationship with IEEE who are the technical co-sponsors of COMSNETS again through the IEEE Communications Society. We are grateful to ACM for their continued support, through the SIGCOMM and SIGMOBILE interest groups. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ms. Tulika Pandey, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India for her unstinted support for the conference all these years.

We welcome you to COMSNETS, and hope that you can take full advantage of all this conference has to offer.



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