

MESSAGE FROM COMSNETS 2018 GENERAL CHAIRS

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 10th edition of COMSNETS to be held from January 3-7th, 2018 in Bengaluru. COMSNETS has grown from strength to strength over the past decade and the 10th edition promises to be the largest yet. We have arranged an exciting five-day program for you at the COMSNETS traditional venue, The Chancery Pavilion, Bengaluru. The main conference spans three days from January 4th through 6th and it is adjoined by two days of workshops. Each of the main conference days begins with a keynote by a distinguished researcher: Lixia Zhang from UCLA, USA on the 4th, Krishna Gummedi from MPI-SWS, Germany on the 5th and Dhananjay Gore from Qualcomm Research, India on the 6th.

The main conference program is organized by Technical Program Committee (TPC) co-chairs, Animesh Mukherjee, Mun Choon Chan and Subhir Biswas. They along with the TPC have carefully selected 38 papers from the open call for presentation. Furthermore, they have assembled invited talks by 13 well-known researchers: Kirill Kogan, Binbin Chen, Venu Veeravalli, Kaushik Roy Chowdhury, Mahesh K Marina, Biplab Sikdar, Prasenjit Dey, Georg Carle, Raghunath Nambiar, Lipika Dey, Josef Noll, VC Gopalratnam, and Ajit Rao.

The conference program also includes panel discussions organized by Ranjita Bhagwan and Sujata Banerjee, poster sessions (spread over 2 days to enable deeper interaction) organized by Abhinav Kumar and Sharayu Moharir, graduate forum organized by SaiDhiraj Amuru and Abhinav Ganesan, a demos-and-exhibits session organized by Niyati Chhaya and Sharanya Eswaran, and a mentoring session organized by Somali Chaterji and Tadashi Okoshi. These activities provide attendees diverse ways to participate, and truly demonstrate our commitment to fostering wider participation by students and young researchers. The organization of the conference is supported by local arrangement co-chairs Vijay Gabale and Raj Sharma, publications chair Sandip Chakraborty, travel grants chair Himanshu Tyagi, web chair Rohit Verma, IT and operations chair Ananda Krishna, publicity co-chairs Ashwin Rao, Ashutosh Nayyar, Arash Asadi, and Vinayak Naik, registration co-chairs Chandrika Sridhar and Ashwini Sampath, and finance co-chairs Chandrika Sridhar and Raj Sharma.

The main conference is adjoined by four workshops: Social Networking workshop organized by Moumita Sinha and Rishi Raj Roy, Wild and Crazy Ideas (WACI) workshop organized by Prashant Misra and Vijay Gabale, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) workshop organized by Parimal Parag and Gitakrishan Ramadurai, and NetHealth workshop organized by Pooja Kadambi and Manish Arora. All four workshops continue from the past year, and we're delighted to note the strong industry-academia enthusiasm and participation in these events. Furthermore, as is traditional, Mobile India, organized by V. Sridhar and T.K. Srikanth, is also co-located with the conference. Finally, in a new beginning, students from the second Asian Students Symposium on Emerging Technologies (ASSET), sponsored by ACM SIGMOBILE, will participate in the conference.

Running such a large conference with modest registration fees requires significant external financial support. Our sponsorship chairs, Giridhar Mandyam and Rajeev Shorey have managed to raise a record sponsorship amount for the conference thanks to generous support from our corporate patrons: platinum patron Cisco Systems, gold patrons Qualcomm and Tata Consultancy Services, silver patrons Google and Microsoft, and bronze patrons Adobe, IBM research, ICANN, InnAccel, LG Soft India, Phimetrics, Robert Bosch GmbH, Singapore Management University, and VMWARE. We are also grateful to our publication

partner Springer, our Wi-Fi partner MoJo networks, online media partner YourStory, and our university partners: IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, IIIT Hyderabad, IIIT Delhi, IIIT Bangalore, IISc Bangalore, UPenn and SMU. We also thank our international advisory committee, Tulika Pandey, Pamela Kumar, Zartash Afzal Uzmi, Prashant Pillai and Dah Ming Chiu. The success of a conference requires hard work from a number of volunteers and we express our thanks to them.

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Last but not the least, we thank our steering committee, Uday Desai, Giridhar Mandyam, Rajeev Shorey and G. Venkatesh. We would especially like to call out the dedication of Giridhar Mandyam and Rajeev Shorey who go above and beyond the work of steering committee and dedicate their heart and soul to sustaining and improving COMSNETS year after year.

Once again, welcome and we hope that you have a great time in Bengaluru and COMSNETS!



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