

MESSAGE FROM COMSNETS 2018 GRADUATE FORUM CHAIRS

The COMSNETS 2018 Graduate Forum provides a supportive environment for graduate students to showcase their preliminary research work. The idea is to provide the students with useful feedback and guidance on various aspects of their research from participants from a wide spectrum of audience, including members from academia, research labs, and industry.

This year we received 38 submissions. The Technical Program Committee, listed below, helped us evaluate each submission and 20 top papers were accepted amongst the closely rated submissions. The presentations are on topics related to 5G systems, wireless networks, robotics, software defined networks, and not to forget, machine learning applied to a variety of domains.

We have organized the presentations in a new format this year considering the quality of the submissions. The presenter of each selected paper must be prepared with two sets of slides with significant non-overlapping content (~2 minutes of overlap must suffice). The format of the presentations is as follows -

- 1) The presenter of every selected paper will be given 7 minutes each for a short presentation (5 minutes for the talk and 2 minutes for quick questions and audience feedback).
- 2) Three best ideas will be shortlisted for a 10-minute long presentation based on the submitted paper and the short talk given earlier. The 10 minutes include 8 minutes for the talk and 2 minutes for questions from the audience and their feedback.

We believe it will be a stimulating environment for the presenters to showcase their ongoing work and get early feedback for further improvement. Based on feedback from a panel of judges during the graduate forum session, there will be a best presenter award. A 3-page accepted work will be included as a part of the proceedings of the conference, unless the authors state otherwise.

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