

MESSAGE FROM COMSNETS 2018 TPC CHAIRS

Welcome to COMSNETS 2018! The final technical program this year consists of 38 contributed talks, together with 12 invited talks from top researchers and industry thought leaders. As in past years, all the submissions will be published digitally in the proceedings of COMSNETS on IEEE Xplore. In addition, like last year, extended versions of the selected top papers will be published in a special COMSNETS 2018 Highlights post proceedings in association with Springer LNCS. We are pleased to share that we have instituted best and honorable mention paper awards. A number of travel grants have also been made possible through the SIGCOMM Grant, Lalitha and Ravindra Nath Foundation and the COMSNETS association.

The conference program was chosen through a rigorous reviewing process. A total of nearly 100 TPC members from academia and industry from all over the world provided peer reviews for the submissions received. All papers were sent to at least three reviewers, and, conflicts were resolved by appointing a fourth referee wherever necessary. The whole process was carefully overseen throughout by the TPC chairs. We are grateful to all TPC members for their tremendous effort in helping us put together a strong technical program. Compared to the last two years, COMSNETS 2018 received more geographically diverse submissions. Apart from submissions from all corners of India, we saw a rise in the number of international submissions and close to half of the accepted papers were international submissions. The international submissions were also very diverse including USA, Singapore and various European countries like Russia, Spain, UK, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal Norway, Serbia. We also observed that the abstracts of 2018 submissions had newly emerging terms like “smart communications”, “ransomware” etc.

This year the acceptance rate was 28%. The accepted papers have been divided into 15 sessions covering a wide-range of topics in communications and networking. Besides the main program, the conference includes 4 workshops on related topics of IoT and Big Data, Social Networking, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Networked Healthcare Technologies. The main conference also features 3 cutting edge panels on self-driving cars, health of networking research, and future generation wireless network along with poster and demo sessions and as well as a Graduate forum.

Finally, we wish all the COMSNETS’18 delegates a very pleasant and productive stay in Bangalore in January 2018!



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