

The Graduate Forum of the 13th International Conference on Communication Systems and Networks (COMSNETS) provides an opportunity to graduate students in an early research career to present and showcase their research ideas complemented with initial results and obtain detailed feedback from the senior researchers in both academia and industry. Owing to safety concerns as well as statutory restrictions preventing travel and gatherings, the presentations in COMSNETS 2021 Graduate Forum will be held virtually on Airmeeet.

It is always emphasized by the senior researchers and mentors that attending good research conferences which overlap with the research areas of the students is significantly beneficial to their career. COMSNETS 2021 being one of the highly reputed conferences in communication systems and networking domain gives an opportunity by organizing Graduate Forum for students in a graduate research program to not only receive detailed feedback and suggestions on their research work, but also provides an equal opportunity to network with senior researchers and other peers at large. Graduate Forum encourages students to actively participate in the conference and keep themselves updated with the state-of-the-art cutting edge research by attending different parallel sessions.

Graduate Forum this year considered three pages of extended abstract format for review which helped the students to present and pitch their ideas in a comprehensive manner. This year's Graduate Forum accepted **10 high-quality papers (50% acceptance rate)** covering a range of interesting topics including Internet of things (IoT), device to device (D2D) communications, 5G, mobile sensing, localisation, network security, applied machine learning, and wireless communication and networking. Each presentation is scheduled for 7 minutes talk, followed by 3 minute for live questions and feedback from the judges as well as the audience. Based on the feedback and evaluation by two judges as well the review scores, "Best Graduate Forum Presentation" award is also given with exciting prizes to motivate the winners. As in the previous editions of the Graduate Forum, this year also all accepted papers will be published as conference proceedings and will be available through IEEE Xplore digital library unless the authors choose otherwise.

We as co-chairs of Graduate Forum 2021 wish to express our sincere thanks to all the program committee members for their timely and expert volunteered service despite their busy schedules, to provide detailed feedback to the authors. In addition, we are also grateful to external reviewers who extended their support in the review process and helped us to provide feedback on time to the authors. Their service is truly appreciated. We would also like to thank the conference General chairs, TPC co-chairs, Steering committee and Publications chairs for their support and guidance. It was truly a wonderful experience co-hosting the Graduate Forum of COMSNETS 2021.



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