

IFSA-SCIS 2017

Call for Special Session Proposals

http://ifsa-scis2017.j-soft.org/special_session.html

Instructions for Special Session Proposals

Proposals for Special Sessions aiming at the topics of interest of IFSA 2017 World Congress are welcome. The deadline for special session proposals is **November 12, 2016 (Extended)**. Submission of proposals should include the title, a short description of the session, its relevance to the IFSA Congress, together with a short biography of all organizers.

Some specific rules to be applied to special sessions are:

- Each special session should have **at most two organizers**.
- Each special session should have **at least four papers**. Those having fewer than four accepted papers will potentially be cancelled, with accepted papers moved to either regular sessions, or, if appropriate, to related special sessions.
- International collaborations with the same topics from different countries are welcomed. Thus, the special session has to have papers from at least two different institutions.
- The organizers of each accepted Special Session have to submit a short editorial by the camera-ready submission due. The short editorial should include the brief introduction and contributions of the session and the overview of accepted papers in the session. The length of this short editorial is 1 page in the format of the conference. This paper will be included in the proceedings of the congress. The first minutes of the Special Session will be devoted to a presentation given by the Organizers, where they explain this editorial for the audience.

Proposals should be sent:

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Evaluation of Special Session Proposals

Special session proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness, uniqueness of the topic, relation with the congress and qualifications of the proposers. The proposers are expected to have a PhD degree and have a good publication track record in the proposed area. After review, a decision on whether the proposal will be accepted will be sent to the proposers. However, it is possible that an accepted proposal will be combined with another one to avoid multiple special sessions covering a similar topic. **Accepted special sessions will be listed on this website**. A final decision will be made for November 15, 2016.

Submission of Papers for Special Sessions

Manuscripts intended for special sessions should be submitted through the [general paper submission website](#) as regular submissions. It is the responsibility of the special session organizers to make sure that papers submitted to their special session clearly indicate the name of the special session the paper is intended for. All papers submitted to special sessions will be subject to the same peer-review procedure as the regular papers. Organizers will collaborate to arrange reviewers and recommend the Program Chair acceptance/rejection of all submitted papers for the proposed special sessions.