

IECON 2018

Call for Special Sessions

The IECON 2018 Conference organizing team would like to invite professionals and researchers in various areas of Industrial Electronics to propose a Special Session (SS) to be included in the program of IECON 2018 in Washington, D.C, U.S.A.

Special sessions provide the opportunity to focus in detail on particular emerging topics (otherwise not reflected in the list of conference tracks), or focus on a specific research fields where “birds of a feather” individuals would like to meet and discuss recent advancements.

Special Sessions will adhere to the guidelines below.

Proposing a Special Session

If you would like to propose and organize a special session, please provide us with a proposal using **the template [SS IECON2018 SSProposal.pdf](#)**, and including the following information:

- Title
- Brief description
 - A brief (approx. 100 words) description, focusing on why the proposed topic is attractive and significant
- Names and contact info of SS organizers.
 - There could be two or more organizers, interested in promoting and attracting quality submissions to the special session. A brief organizer background should be provided.
- List of potential authors and their affiliations
- List of potential reviewers and their affiliations
- List of sponsoring IES Technical Committee(s), if any

An individual can be (co-) organizer of up to two Special Sessions.

Please send your proposal in PDF format to SS Co-Chairs SS@IECON2018.org by the deadline indicated on <http://www.iecon2018.org>.

Organizing a Special Session

Once approved, the organizers should

1. Prepare a Call for Papers using **the template [SS IECON2018 SSName Cfp.pdf](#)**
2. Publicize Special Session (SS) and attract quality papers among researchers and practitioners.

Papers submitted to special sessions will undergo the same review process as regular papers. The SS organizers will be responsible for organizing peer review process, insuring min three reviews per paper are received.

Conflict of Interest (CoI): Before starting the review process, SS organizers must declare papers which present a CoI for them. A CoI arises in situations where judgement of a paper quality cannot be insured solely on the basis of technical content of the paper (judged authors close colleagues or papers authored by organizers). To ensure independent reviews, this Conflict must be marked as such in the submission system and SS Co-Chairs SS@IECON2018.org notified so that they can arrange the reviews of such papers.

Restrictions: The SS Organizers must insure that:

- An individual cannot be a (co-) author of more than two papers submitted to the same SS.
- Papers from SS Organizers cannot exceed 60% of the content of the SS.

Successful SS: will results in a min of 6 accepted papers. The authors of these papers should come from at least three independent research groups (other than the organizers groups). If a session results in a smaller number of papers accepted, those will be re-allocated to regular sessions whenever possible. The Conference reserve the authority to cancel SS in cases where un-ethical behavior has been observed.

Free Conference Registration: Organizers of a successful Special Session will receive **one free conference registration** for every 6 papers. The organizers can use this registration by themselves when registering to attend the conference.