CALL FOR SPECIAL INTEREST SESSION PROPOSALS

The 27TH ITS World Congress in Los Angeles, CA, October 4-8, 2020 will explore **"The New Age of Mobility."** The recent explosion of new technologies and new forms of mobility are transforming the future of transportation. At a time in which we are focused on moving people, data and freight, how will we prepare for a future that is increasingly more connected, autonomous, shared and electric? The technologies that make our roads safer will also reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions and move us closer to a future of seamless mobility — one that is safer, greener and smarter.

It is the intent of this World Congress to focus on these issues through the exchange of information and dialogue among our attendees. A robust technical program is critical to accomplishing this goal. We encourage you to consider contributing to the technical program to ensure this WC is successful.

Special Interest Sessions (SIS)

The International Program Committee (IPC) invites ITS experts to submit their session proposals to be considered for a scheduled session at the ITS World Congress 2020. By submitting a proposal, and if accepted, you or the identified organizer is committing to organize the 90-minute session content and provide the session moderator and 3 – 5 speakers/panelists. Before a moderator and speakers are listed in the submission, session organizers are expected to first inform them that they have been named as a participant in the session.

Accepted sessions are organized by international experts developing and deploying ITS. These interactive, tailor-made sessions provide the opportunity to focus on specific topics of interest. The session format is a panel discussion, or, individual expert talks on the subject matter.

Program Themes

The International Program Committee is excited to present **(8)** program themes. When you submit your proposal, you'll be prompted to select **(1)**.

1. Seamless Mobility and Changing Behavior
2. Fueling the Future: Alternative Fuels and Emissions
3. The Path to Vision Zero
4. Disruption on the Digital Highway: Data
5. Technology from Entry to the Last Mile
6. Connectivity or Spectrum / Networks
7. Intelligent, Connected and Automated Vehicles
8. Organizing for Success, Governance, Business Models, International Cooperation

Cross-Cutting Technologies

Submitters will also be prompted to select up to **(3)** from the following cross-cutting technologies:

1. Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning
2. Automated Vehicle
3. Communications / Spectrum
4. Connected Vehicle
5. Cybersecurity
6. Data Access / Privacy
7. Electric / Alternative Fuels / Emissions
8. Goods Movement
9. Infrastructure
10. MOD / MaaS
11. Rural
12. Smart City
13. Transportation Systems Operations
14. Truck Operations/CVO
15. V2x

Guidelines for Special Interest Session Proposal Submissions

> **It is a requirement of the World Congress that all moderators and speakers register for the Congress and pay the reduced speaker fee. Please ensure that your moderator and speakers understand this before confirming their participation. If a majority of speakers named in a session are not registered and fees paid by August 5, 2020, the session may be removed from the program and the slot given to a submitter from the reserve list.**
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> **Organizers may also serve as a speaker and/or moderator in the proposed session to receive the reduced registration fee.**

Due to the increased competition for timeslots, to ensure a wide a range of topics, and to give an equal opportunity to all potential session proposals, the IPC will only accept the highest quality proposals. Please follow these guidelines when submitting:

- The deadline for submitting session proposals is **February 3, 2020 at 11:59 PM EST**. Proposals cannot be accepted after this date due to our proposal review timeline.
- Submitters may submit up to 3 proposals for consideration
- Provide a 12 word or less session title. Capitalize each word in the title, do not use all UPPER CASE. Acronyms may be entered in UPPER CASE.
- Describe your session proposal in 400 words or less.
- Select the format of the session when you submit as a moderated panel discussion format, or individual speaker presentations.
- Identify and provide contact information for:
  - Session organizer (normally the person who submits the session) (minimum 1/maximum 2)
  - Suggested 1 moderator
  - Suggested speakers (minimum 3/maximum 5)
- Proposals will only be considered if the complete contact details are provided for the organizer, moderator and at least 3 confirmed speakers

- Special Interest Session proposals that address a single project will be given low priority compared to those that address a broader subject matter
- A relevant theme and up to 3 crosscutting technologies must be specified on the submission site
- Session proposals of a predominantly commercial nature will not be accepted.
- All session proposals must be submitted online. E-mailed contributions cannot be accepted.
- Upon completion of your submission, the system will automatically generate a confirmation e-mail with details of your submission. This is a confirmation of receipt and not a proof of acceptance

Key Dates

All deadlines go into effect at 11:59 pm EST

June 4, 2019	Call for Contributions Announced
August 5, 2019	Call for Contributions Submission Opens
February 3, 2020	Call for Contributions Deadline
April 1, 2020	Status Notification to Paper Authors and SIS Organizers
May 1, 2020	Re-submission Deadline for Conditionally Accepted Papers
July 20, 2020	Final Paper Submission Deadline, SIS Submissions Finalized
August 5, 2020	Speaker Registration Deadline
September 15, 2020	Final PowerPoint Presentations Uploaded

Submit session proposals online at: https://itswc.confex.com/itswc/2020/cfp.cgi
E-mail proposals cannot be accepted.

Calling all Paper Reviewers

The International Program Committee (IPC) is recruiting volunteers **until February 3, 2020** to review submitted papers for the 2020 ITS World Congress. We need your help to ensure that the technical program reflects the most cutting-edge and relevant topics of our industry. To volunteer, please continue to our Paper Reviewer Page and complete the registration form. Sign up to be a reviewer here.

Please check www.itsworldcongress2020.org for updates related to the overall
ITS World Congress 2020 program.