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Chapter

Obtaining Conference Information

Learning Objectives

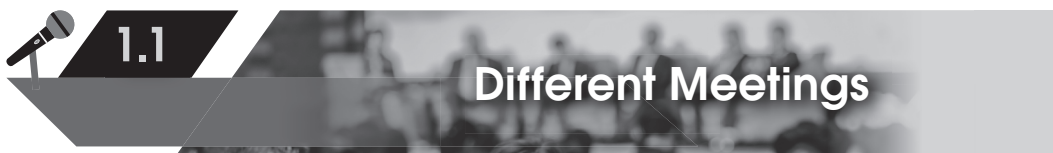
1. To know the access to various international conference resources;
2. To learn about the most prestigious associations and societies in your field;
3. To search for the useful websites for conference literature in your field.



As an academic researcher, it is important to participate in the international academic conference to keep yourself informed of the latest development in your field, get acquainted with other experts and scholars, and obtain more opportunities to communicate and cooperate with them, which will broaden your eyesight and improve your academic studies.

This book is designed to help you prepare for attending a conference and understand a variety of knowledge and techniques for performing well. With the practical knowledge and useful skills provided in this book, you can become more successful in attending international conferences.

This chapter will introduce different meetings and how to obtain conference information.



1.1 Different Meetings

Nowadays, there are thousands of international meetings held worldwide every year. Different meetings are organized by different sponsors and organizers in different modes for different purposes. Each type requires a different structure and supports a different number of participants. These meetings can be generally differentiated as follows.

1.1.1 Meeting

“Meeting” is a general term of a formal or informal deliberative assembly of individuals called to debate certain issues and problems, and to make decisions. Since the definition of meeting is rather extensive, it can mean any kind of gathering, formal or informal; the time can be long or short; the scale, large or small; the participants, many or a few.

1.1.2 Conference

Conference is a kind of formal prearranged meeting for consultation, exchange of information, or discussion, often lasting for a few days. An academic conference is a conference for researchers to present and discuss their work, which provides an important channel for exchange of information between researchers. The international conference means a meeting held at the international level, with the participants coming from different countries.

1.1.3 Symposium

Symposium refers to the meeting for specialized academic discussion, at which experts,

scholars, and other participants of a particular field discuss a particular subject. Compared with a conference, a symposium is usually narrower and more specific in the range of topics. In terms of scale, a symposium may be smaller than a conference, because sometimes several symposiums may be held simultaneously in a conference.

1.1.4 Convention

Convention, in the sense of a meeting, is a kind of routine meeting, such as the annual convention, biannual convention, or biennial convention, at which a group of individuals meet at an arranged place and time in order to discuss or engage in some common interest. Usually it is regularly organized by a learned society, a professional association, an academic institution, etc.

1.1.5 Forum

Forum is in fact a kind of public meeting or assembly involving an open discussion of subjects of public interest and often including the audience's participation. People exchange ideas and discuss issues, especially important public issues.

1.1.6 Seminar

Seminar is usually a class in a college or university, or is a formal meeting, where participants study under a professor with each doing original research and all exchanging results through reports and discussions. In a seminar, the presentations are mainly given by chief speakers, while other people first listen and then join them.

1.1.7 Workshop

Workshop originally means a room, a group of rooms, or a building in which goods are manufactured or repaired. Regarding meeting, it usually refers to intensive educational program, discussion group, or the like, in which people engage in intensive discussion and activity on a particular subject or project, and it emphasizes exchange of ideas, the demonstration and application of techniques and skills, etc.

1.1.8 Colloquium

Colloquium is usually an academic meeting at which specialists deliver addresses on a topic or on related topics and then answer questions relating to them. Participants of the colloquium will express their opinions around a specific topic formally.



Apart from the meetings above, there are also other forms of meetings, such as summit, roundtable, congress and so on, which will not be detailed one by one here.

1.2 Sources for Obtaining Conference Information

Nowadays, different channels can be used to acquire conference information, such as the Internet, membership of professional organizations, professional journals and so on. The following are some useful sources for searching or learning more about international conferences.

1.2.1 The Internet

We live in the information age, so the Internet is a popular source of information. Search engines are the best tools to use when you look for a specific meeting or possible conferences to be held in your field.

When you search for a specific meeting, the name of the meeting may be taken as the keyword; if you search for some forthcoming conferences, the keywords should describe your research, such as “cognitive linguistics”, “English literature”, or “civil engineering”, and include such terms as “conference”, “convention”, “symposium”, “call for papers”, etc. Or you may specify a certain year, such as 2019, in order to find the conferences to be held in the specific year.

Besides, some conference websites provide an amount of conference information in nearly all fields. You can register the website to customize your interested conferences. The following are some commonly-used conference websites:

- <http://www.meeting.edu.cn> (中国学术会议在线)

Conferences held or to be held both domestically and abroad are available on this website. You may register via your e-mail and specify some interested subject categories so that once you visit the website, the related conference information will be provided.

- <http://www.allconferences.com>

It is a global online conference directory with over 100,000 conferences, conventions, seminars, etc. You can search the time and venue of the upcoming conferences to be held in various fields all over the world.

Besides, there are other websites specific for conference information, among which the following are very helpful and informative.

- <http://www.conferencealerts.com>
- <http://www.bornforthisconference.com>
- <http://www.academic-conferences.org>
- <http://www.confsearch.org>
- <http://papersinvited.com>
- <http://www.ourglobal.com>
- <http://conf.cnki.net> (中国学术会议网)

1.2.2 Membership of Professional Organizations

Most of the professional organizations are open to all scholars and students who are interested in participating in. Membership of professional organizations provides you with the privileges to share information and participate in activities.

The following example is to illustrate the membership of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE, 电气和电子工程师协会), one of the world-famous professional organizations in engineering.



The world's largest technical professional organization for the advancement of technology

IEEE is the world's largest professional association dedicated to advancing technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity. IEEE and its members inspire a global community through IEEE's highly-cited publications, conferences, technology standards, and professional and educational activities. IEEE is led by a diverse body of elected and appointed volunteer members. The governance structure includes boards for operational areas as well as bodies representing members in the 45 societies and technical councils and 10 worldwide geographic regions.

The benefits of IEEE membership include the following offerings:

- You will be presented with new resources, valuable opportunities, and many discounts that will help you advance your career in the right direction.
- Through IEEE, you can find colleagues who share your vision and commitment—those who are moving technology forward today.



- IEEE Press offers members access to over 220 e-books via IEEE Xplore.
- As an exclusive benefit of membership, IEEE's online membership directory connects members worldwide.
- In conjunction with Microsoft, IEEE offers a wide selection of development software to student members.
- IEEE members gain exclusive access to the latest and best research, news, television programs, and educational resources needed to expand their expertise and stay current.
- As an IEEE member, you are part of the world's largest community of technology professionals—a network of communication and learning where innovators share what works, what does not, and what is needed now.
- IEEE members can achieve more of what matters in your life and career through IEEE programs, such as continuing education courses and certifications, conferences, competitions, giving or receiving mentoring, scholarships, and more.

The following are only a few of professional organizations at different levels in the world.

- American Dental Association (ADA) is the nation's largest dental association, representing 157,000 dentist members.
- American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) is a global community of design advocates and practitioners.
- National Association for Business Economics (NABE) is a global professional association for business economists.
- American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES) is a multidisciplinary organization of engineering societies dedicated to advancing the practice of engineering.
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) is the world's leading organization for chemical engineering professionals.
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is the nation's oldest engineering society with more than 150,000 members.
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is a membership organization of language educators and administrators from elementary through graduate education.
- National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) is a national membership organization dedicated to those preparing for or teaching in the field of special education.
- American Botanical Council (ABC) is a leading international member-based

organization providing education to promote the responsible use of herbal medicine.

- Communications Media Management Association (CMMA) is the premier professional organization for people who manage the creation, distribution, and utilization of communications media.
- American Anthropological Association (AAA) is the world's largest association for professional anthropologists, with more than 10,000 members.

You can get access to various academic activities in your own field from the websites of these professional organizations.

1.2.3 Professional Journals

You can find a variety of upcoming conference information in many professional journals. Since the readers of a professional journal are peers in the same research area, on many occasions the organizer would also welcome volunteers to chair some panels.

Exercises

1. Search the Internet to find some useful websites for conference information in your field.
2. Use the search engine to find the international academic conferences held or to be held this year in your field.
3. Search the Internet or consult your advisor to learn about the most prestigious organizations in your field.



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Chapter

Conference Notice and Call for Conference Papers

Learning Objectives

1. To understand the format of conference notice and call for conference papers;
2. To learn to locate important conference information.



2.1

Conference Notice

A conference notice is helpful for the prospective participants to acquire general information about the conference. It should provide all the necessary conference information as much as possible, which usually includes the name of the conference, the date and the place, the organizer, the purpose, the key topics, prospective participants, ways to register, registration fees, the conference agenda, the contact channels and so on. A conference notice may take the form of memo, letter, e-mail, public notice, or poster, which gives all the information in written form to prepare for the meeting, similar to an invitation to an event.

As for the format of conference notice, variations may exist, but the following items are usually included:

- Theme (aim, background);
- Participants invited;
- Application qualifications;
- Applicants' responsibility;
- Organizer;
- Registration;
- Reception;
- Notification of acceptance;
- Hospitality.

Here are two samples of conference notices.



Sample 1

2018 Key West International Multidisciplinary Academic Conference

Theme: Promoting Global Progress and Excellence in Academia™

Organized: Academic Organization for Advancement of Strategic and International Studies® (AcademicOASIS®)

Jointly with: International Association of Applied Business Research™ (IAABR™)

Dates: January 4–7, 2018

Place: Key West, Florida, U.S.A.

★ Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel

Address: 3841 N Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, F.L. 33040

Deeply discounted rooms are available at the Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel for the participants in the conference. Bookings can be done by using the group code of 2018 IAABR. The number for reservations is 1-866-679-5490. The cut-off date for reservations is December 19, 2017. The earlier you call in to reserve your room, the better; as the number of the pre-negotiated, deeply discounted rooms in our block is very limited!

★ Deadlines

Full papers—December 15, 2017. All full-paper submissions will be reviewed for publication in one of the double-blind, peer-refereed **journals sponsoring the 2018 Key West Conference** or the refereed **conference proceedings with ISBN**. The authors of these articles will receive their publications in person while still attending the Academic OASIS/IAABR Conference in **Key West** (One copy per registered participant will be provided free of charge).

Abstracts—December 18, 2017. The authors of all accepted abstracts will have the chance to present their research in progress at the Key West Conference which will also give them the opportunity to submit their **completed papers** by **April 15, 2018**, in order to be considered for a journal publication.

Regular registration deadline: December 20, 2017.

Early-bird bonus: free (Complimentary) One-day Narrated Tour of Key West on the historic **“Conch Train”** to people, who complete their Conference Registrations by November 16, 2017.

Our Key West Conference is for people who want to participate in a major international forum, get published, network with colleagues from many countries sharing similar or complementary interests, and have fun in Key West, the pearl of the American Caribbean!

Papers related to all areas of **Accounting, Banking, Business Ethics, Communication & Media, E-Business, E-Government, E-Learning, Ecology, Economics, Education, Engineering, Environment & Life Sciences, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Gender Studies, Globalization, Human Resources, Information Technology, Innovation and Creativity, Law & Legal Studies, Leadership, Logistics, Management, Marketing, Political Science, Psychology, Security Studies, Social Sciences, Social Work, Sustainable Development, and**



Women Studies are invited to this international conference, which is expected to be attended by authors from nearly all parts of the world. People without papers can also participate in this conference, and they are invited to serve as session chairs or discussants, as well as informal contributors to the academic quality of this international event.

★ **Journals sponsoring the 2018 Key West Conference**

- *Journal of Advancement in Applied Business Research (JAABR)*
- *Journal of Advancements in Economics, Finance & Accounting (JAEFA)*
- *Journal of Strategic and International Studies (JSIS)*
- *Journal of Organizational Advancement, Strategic and Institutional Studies (JOASIS)*
- *Journal of Psychology and Social Studies (JPSS)*

To submit your full paper or abstract, please e-mail it as an attachment (Acceptable formats are .doc and .docx) to Global@AcademicOASIS.org (Please put “KEY WEST CONFERENCE” in the Subject line of your message). All submissions will be double blind peer-refereed by members of the Conference Review Committee. Authors will be notified of the review outcome within 3–4 weeks after the arrival of their submissions.

Authors, who could not travel to Key West for visa or other reasons, may **participate virtually** in the IAABR/Academic OASIS conference, and these authors will have **the same publication opportunities**, as the regular conference presenters.

The **regular registration fee** is **\$350 (The reduced registration fee for virtual participants via Skype is \$300, and the special student fee is \$285)**. The regular **registration fee** includes: 1) the popular **Academic OASIS/IAABR 2 for 1 advantage—2 opportunities**: an opportunity to publish your accepted paper or abstract in a peer-refereed publication with ISSN or ISBN issued by the Library of the Congress, plus an opportunity to present the results of your work at an international forum **for 1 low fee**; 2) one printed issue of the journal or proceedings CD containing your paper; 3) an official certificate for international conference participation; 4) the conference luncheon, receptions, coffee breaks, and keynote address; 5) attending all conference sessions and symposia; 6) attending all social and networking events; 7) listing of your presentation in the Official Conference Program; 8) **explore the history, culture, night life, and opportunities for outdoor discoveries of Key West, the pearl of the American Caribbean!**

★ **Pre-conference activities (January 4)**

- The World Famous Conch Tour Train in Key West (<http://www.conchtourtrain.com>);

- Day Trip to Fort Jefferson Dry Tortugas National Park (Only 70 miles from Key West...but out of this world!) (<http://www.yankeefreedom.com>);
- Old Town Trolley Tour of Key West (<http://www.trolleytours.com/key-west>);
- Earnest Hemingway House and Museum (<http://www.hemingwayhome.com>);
- Harry Truman's Little White House (<http://www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com>);
- Dolphin Encounters (In the Straits of Florida!) (<http://www.keywesttravelguide.com/dolphin-encounters>);
- The Key West Coral Reefs (While snorkeling Key West's reefs, you will see a fascinating world of colorful fish and amazing coral reef structure—the second largest in the world, and the largest in the Northern Hemisphere!) (<http://www.keywesttravelguide.com/things-to-do-in-key-west/snorkel-trips>);
- Jolly Rover Party Sunset Cruise (<http://schoonerjollyrover.com>).

For any inquiries, please contact the Conference Organizing Committee via admin@AcademicOASIS.org or visit our website www.academicoasis.org.

Check Your Understanding

1. What is the name of the conference?
2. What is the theme of the conference?
3. When exactly will the conference be held?
4. Where will it be held?
5. What are the deadlines for full papers, abstracts, and regular registration?
6. What are the major topics for the conference?
7. How to submit the full paper or abstract?
8. How much is the regular registration fee per person?
9. What are the pre-conference activities?

Sample 2

2018 9th International Conference on E-Education, E-Business, E-Management, and E-Learning (**IC4E 2018**) will be held in **San Diego, U.S.A.** during **January 11–13, 2018**.

★ Call for papers

All topics about E-Education, E-Commerce, E-Learning, E-Business, and E-Service will be accepted. More information about CFP, please view the website: <http://www.ic4e.net/cfp.html>.



★ Submission

Submission deadline—November 10, 2017

Please log in the Electronic Submission System (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ic4e2018>) to submit your paper; or e-mail your paper to the e-mail box ic4e@iedrc.org.

E-Education: Systems, Design and Technologies; practices and cases in E-Education; systems and technologies in E-Education.

E-Commerce: Business-to-business E-Commerce; Business-to-consumer E-Commerce; E-Government, policy and law.

★ Publication

The accepted papers by IC4E 2018 will be published in international conference proceedings or journal, which will be indexed by **El Compendex & Scopus**.

The proceedings of IC4E 2017 has been indexed by El Compendex & Scopus. (<http://www.ic4e.net/css/images/EI2017.png>/<http://www.ic4e.net/css/images/Scopus2017.png>)

★ Contact

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Tel: +852-3500-0005 (Hong Kong)



Check Your Understanding

1. What is the name of the conference?
2. When exactly will the conference be held?
3. Where will it be held?
4. What are the major topics for the conference?
5. What is the deadline for the submission of papers?
6. What is the contact information of the conference?



Useful Expressions and Sentence Patterns

1. Background, Sponsors (or Organizers), Date, and Venue

- ★ The conference will be held at the University of Victoria, Victoria, B. C., Canada, July 22–24, 2019.
- ★ The IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing Technology & Science 2019 will be the 11th in the series of conference, steered by the Cloud Computing

Association, that brings together researchers, developers, and users interested in cloud computing systems to present and discuss the needs of, and innovations in the area.

- ★ An international conference on the Constitution and Education will be hosted by the Faculty of Education Sciences, North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus, South Africa.
- ★ A conference organized by Cambridge Project for the Book Trust is to be held at Pembroke College, Cambridge, Friday and Saturday, March 23–24, 2019.

2. Conference Theme and Topics

- ★ This will be an interdisciplinary conference, potentially drawing academic and non-academic participants working in fields as varied as history, literature, linguistics, psychology, political science, and cultural aspects of Japanese studies.
- ★ The conference will examine the history and current status of the Japanese identity in Canada and in Japan.
- ★ The conference will provide opportunities for participants to reflect on the past attainments and challenges in their respective educational systems while considering prospective developments and trends.
- ★ The conference will focus on a number of important themes relevant to European regions: content and cultural heritage, heritage and learning in the age of converging media, E-Government and E-Democracy...
- ★ The conference topics will be in the design and manufacturing engineering area, which will cover, but are not limited to...

3. Agenda

- ★ The first day will consist of an exhibition and demonstration of new, innovative wireless technologies, devices, and applications. The second day will feature panel discussions on unlicensed wireless technologies by key policy-makers, entrepreneurs, industry representatives, and experts from government and academia.
- ★ The conference will begin with registration and a reception on Thursday, August 22.
- ★ Friday, August 23, will feature a keynote speech, a paper session, and an evening banquet.
- ★ The conference will run over three days, from April 3 to 6.
- ★ The final session of the conference will be brought forward from Friday to Tuesday.

4. Participants

- ★ Administrators from all four-year colleges and universities in South Carolina are encouraged to participate, including president, provosts, vice presidents for research and academic affairs, deans, department chairs or heads, sponsored programs, and



research staff.

- ★ It is expected that 200 outstanding women from education, industry, and government will attend the Forum.
- ★ The organizing committee would like to have the pleasure to invite E. C. experts, scholars, entrepreneurs both at home and abroad, and the administrating personnel from Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination to discuss the status quo and development trends of E. C. research and education.
- ★ Faculty and staff with strong interests in developing the research enterprise at their institutions are also invited to attend.

5. Registration Fees and Expenses

- ★ The cost of invited non-presenter participants will also be covered, but a 350 RMB registration fee will be required.
- ★ We will cover the costs of all invited presenters after arrival at the conference in Beijing.
- ★ Anticipated conference fee (258 USD) includes evening reception at the Architecture Center on Friday, the Perrault lecture, three-course lunch and refreshments at Pembroke College, and optional Sunday tour of new Cambridge libraries given by Eastern Region Architects.
- ★ The organizing committee will pay for the food, boarding, and visiting fees spent during August 16 to 23. Participants need to pay other fees not mentioned above.

6. Contact Information

- ★ Please go to www.scepscor.org/outreach/workshop to access the tentative agenda, to register, and to request a travel grant to attend.
- ★ Questions regarding the conference and registration should be directed to Ms. Dawn Ward at ward@scra.org, or by telephoning (803)376-4940.
- ★ All media inquiries should be directed to the office of Public Affairs, NTIA, at (202)482-7002.



2.2

Call for Conference Papers

A call for conference papers is written to notify the prospective participants of more specific information about the conference. Like a conference notice, a call for papers also includes information concerning the name, date, place, sponsors, and purposes of the conference; but a call for papers is mainly characterized by more detailed information about

the conference scope (theme), conference areas (topics of interest), other activities held during the conference, such as workshop, tutorials, special sessions, etc., keynote speakers, specific requirements for paper submission, publications, important dates, ways to contact the secretariat of the conference, different chairs, members of program committee and so on. In a word, information carried in a call for papers of a conference is usually more detailed and complete than that in a conference notice.

The format of call for conference papers is as follows:

- Theme and/or background;
- Conference objectives;
- Topics to be discussed;
- Time and venue;
- Papers and submissions;
- Organizing institution and committee;
- Contact information.

Here are two samples for call for conference papers.



Sample 1

ICML 2018 Call for Papers

The 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2018) will be held in Stockholm, Sweden from July 10 to 15, 2018. The conference will consist of one day of tutorials (July 10), followed by three days of main conference sessions (July 11–13) and two days of workshops (July 14–15). We invite submissions of papers on all topics related to machine learning for the conference proceedings, and proposals for tutorials and workshops.

This year, ICML will adopt a **single reviewing cycle**, with a single paper deadline on **February 9, 2018, 23:59 Universal Time (3:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time)**.

Submissions will open on January 9, 2018 and are managed through CMT: <https://cmt.research.microsoft.com/ICML2018/Default.aspx>.

Submitted papers can be up to **eight pages** long, not including references, and up to ten pages when references and acknowledgments are included. Any paper exceeding this length will automatically be rejected. Authors have the option of submitting a supplementary file containing further details of their work; it is entirely up to the reviewers to decide whether they wish to consult this additional material. The supplementary material must be submitted as a zip file, even if it only contains a single PDF document.



All submissions must be electronic, **anonymous** and must closely follow the formatting guidelines in the templates; otherwise they will automatically be rejected.

★ Dual submission policy

It is not appropriate to submit papers that are identical (or substantially similar) to versions that have been previously published, or accepted for publication, or that have been submitted in parallel to other conferences. Such submissions violate our dual submission policy.

There are several exceptions to this rule:

- Submission is permitted of a short version of a paper that has been submitted to a journal, but has not yet been published in that journal. Authors must declare such dual-submissions either through the CMT submission form, or via e-mail to the program chairs (icml2018pc@gmail.com). It is the author's responsibility to make sure that the journal in question allows dual concurrent submissions to conferences.
- Submission is permitted for papers presented or to be presented at conferences or workshops without proceedings (e.g. ICML or NIPS workshops), or with only abstracts published.
- Submission is permitted for papers that are available as a technical report (or similar, e.g. in arXiv). In this case, we suggest the authors not cite the report, so as to preserve anonymity.

Finally, note that previously published papers with substantial overlap written by the authors must be cited in such a way so as to preserve author anonymity. Differences relative to these earlier papers must be explained in the text of the submission. For example: This work develops our earlier work, which showed that...

★ Reviewing criteria

Accepted papers must contain significant novel results. Results can be either theoretical or empirical. Results will be judged on the degree to which they have been objectively established and/or their potential for scientific and technological impact.

★ Style and author instructions

Program chairs:

Jennifer Dy (Northeastern University)

Andreas Krause (ETH Zurich)

General chair:

Francis Bach (INRIA/Ecole Normale Supérieure)

Check Your Understanding

1. When will the conference be held?
2. When is a single paper deadline?
3. How many pages can the submitted papers up to?
4. When will submissions open?
5. Must all submissions be electronic and anonymous?
6. What kinds of submissions violate the dual submission policy?
7. What are the exceptions to the dual submission policy?

Sample 2

36th International Conference on Consumer Electronics 2018 (ICCE 2018)

The IEEE Consumer Electronics (CE) Society is soliciting technical papers for oral and poster presentations at its 36th annual flagship conference, IEEE International Conference on Consumer Electronics (ICCE) in Las Vegas. ICCE is the established forum for innovative research in all areas of consumer electronics and is co-located with the CTA's Consumer Electronics Show (CES). CES is the world's largest consumer electronics trade-conference.

★ The theme of the ICCE 2018 is “cybersecurity”.

Topics consistent with this theme include all aspects of foundation technologies and robust architectures that support privacy, reliability, anti-counterfeiting, authentication, content protection for consumer electronics devices, their networks, and the services connected to these devices.

Paper contributions are sought in but are not limited to the following areas:

- Security and Privacy of CE Hardware and Software Systems (SPC);
- Energy Management of CE Hardware and Software Systems (EMC);
- Application-Specific CE for Smart Cities (SMC);
- RF, Wireless, and Network Technologies (WNT);
- Internet of Things and Internet of Everywhere (IoT);
- Entertainment, Gaming, and Virtual and Augmented Reality (EGV);
- AV Systems, Image and Video, and Cameras and Acquisition (AVS);
- Automotive CE Applications (CEA);
- CE Sensors and MEMS (CSM);
- Consumer Healthcare Systems (CHS);



- Enabling and HCI Technologies (HCI);
- Smartphone and Mobile Device Technologies (MDT);
- Other Technologies Related with CE (MIS).

In addition to regular oral and poster sessions based on the above tracks, ICCE 2018 will have many special sessions on current hot topics related to CE. ICCE 2018 will also feature industry tracks and a student research forum as an integral part. The technical program committee invites proposals for special sessions, industry tracks, and expert panels. These proposals as well as the student research forum papers can be submitted at the following link.

Authors are invited to submit original, unpublished manuscripts of 2- to 6-page length at <https://edas.info/showConferenceDetails.php?c=23404>. Previously published papers or papers under review for other conferences/journals should not be submitted for consideration.

Authors may prepare original work of maximum 6 pages with an 200-word abstract using double-column IEEE conference-format template at http://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/publishing/templates.html.

All accepted papers (including regular papers, special session papers, and SRF papers) will be published in the *ICCE 2018 Digest* or *Proceedings* and submitted to IEEE Xplore. Instructions for authors and document templates are available on the conference website. A selected set of papers from ICCE 2018 program will be invited for submission to special issues of peer-reviewed journals (e.g. *CE Magazine/Transactions*) based on reviewers' feedback and quality of conference presentation.

★ **Important dates of ICCE 2018 are the following:**

- Submission deadline: July 3, 2018;
- Acceptance notification: September 5, 2018;
- Submission of final version: September 25, 2018.



Check Your Understanding

1. Where will the conference be held?
2. What's the theme of the ICCE 2018?
3. Will all the accepted papers be published in the *ICCE 2018 Digest* or *Proceedings* and submitted to IEEE Xplore?
4. When is the submission deadline?
5. When will you get the acceptance notification?