

**CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS**

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Special session proposals are invited to the 20th Asia-Pacific Symposium on INTELLIGENT AND EVOLUTIONARY SYSTEMS (IES2016) to be held in Canberra, Australia, November 16-18, 2016. The goal of these special sessions is to provide a forum for focused discussions on particular themes/topics in IES. IES2016's Special Sessions will be a very useful tool to complement the regular program.

**How to apply:**

A special session proposal should include the title, aim and scope of the proposed special session, and the names, e-mail addresses, affiliations and short bios of the organisers. The proposal can include additional information such as a list of potential contributors, special sessions organised by the same organisers for past related conferences in the field. Proposals should be sent by e-mail to: [specialsession@ies-2016.org](mailto:specialsession@ies-2016.org)  
All proposals should be submitted by **May 01, 2016**. Early proposals are highly encouraged. Proposals that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be considered.

**Notification of acceptance:**

Special session proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness of the topic, its uniqueness, 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. A tentative accept/reject decision on the proposal will be sent to the proposers within **a week** after proposals are received by the Special Sessions Chairs. However, there is also a possibility that an accepted proposal will be combined with similar proposals to avoid multiple special sessions covering similar topics. A final decision will be communicated to proposers by **May 15, 2016**. Accepted special sessions will be listed on IES2016 website [www.ies-2016.org/sessions.html](http://www.ies-2016.org/sessions.html)

**Paper submission:**

Submissions of papers to special sessions should be done through the paper submission webpage of IES2016 (<http://www.ies-2016.org/submission.html>), where authors can choose a special session title as the main topic of their papers from a list of regular session topics and special session titles. All papers submitted to special sessions will be subject to the same peer-review review procedure as the regular papers.

Special session organisers should also contact a sufficient number of experts who are able to review the papers submitted to their session, bearing in mind that at least two reviews per paper are required in order to make the final assessment. The details of these experts should be communicated to Special Session Chairs for inclusion in the reviewers' list.

<b>Important dates:</b>	
EOI for Special Sessions	May 1, 2016
Special Sessions Acceptance	May 15, 2016
Paper Submission Deadline	July 1, 2016
Paper Acceptance	August 15, 2016
Camera Ready Deadline	September 1, 2016

