

Solicitation for 2008 IMS focused and special sessions

Please send your focused and special session proposals to Gerald DeJean at dejean@microsoft.com by September 14, 2007.

Proposal Submissions:

The proposals should be an EXCEL file and should include the following information:

1. Session designation (Focused or Special session)
2. Sponsoring IMSSC, TC, or Adcom member
3. Session Title
4. Session Organizer(s) (name & email)
5. Session Abstract/Outline including justification
6. List of Authors invited to submit papers
7. And suggested Paper subject or title for each Author

(Be sure to include all contact information for proposed names.)

The focused and special session proposal form (in EXCEL file format) can be downloaded from the official IMS 2008 website.

General Guidelines:

1. Each session is 100 minutes long. 20 minutes per regular paper (approximately 15 minutes for presentation followed by 5 minutes for Q&A). There should be a maximum of 5 papers per session.
2. Organizers, please note that all speakers will be required to register for the conference and that no financial support for travel or lodging will be provided.
3. These submissions will be reviewed by the appropriate committee members. Paper submissions will be on-line and will be subject to the normal paper review process. Instruction for paper submissions will be given on-line through our website. A Focused/Special session Subcommittee will be assigned to handle the focused and special session submissions. Authors must look for this designation during on-line paper submission.

Invited Papers:

Please invite potential authors to submit the papers" instead of requesting "invited papers". Exceptions may be made for a maximum of two papers per session which may really fall under the category of "invited papers". It is recommended that each session have no more than 1 invited talk to maintain a good balance within the session. Also, every attempt should be made to accommodate/direct worthy contributed papers to the focused/special session as well.

Registration fees & Expenses:

All organizers and speakers will be required to register for at least one day of the conference and no financial support for travel or lodging will be provided.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Focused Sessions

Focused Sessions are primarily technical in nature. They place their emphasis on new technical information that is often organized as a group of papers in order to provide a critical mass of papers in a single or highly related area of microwave technology. The topic areas may be different from the usual content of the technical areas in the IMS and may apply to a particular application of technology that is of considerable current interest. Some examples are:

- RF and Microwave Implications of Digital TV Broadcasting: European, US, and Japanese
- Homeland Security
- Commercial Microwave Sensor Technology
- Micromaching and MEMS Technology
- Internet Via Satellite
- Wide Bandgap Devices and their Applications in the High Power and Low Noise Circuits
- Software Radio

Special Sessions

Special Sessions are different than Focused Sessions. A Special Session may be a recognition event with the appropriate historical and technical papers. The 50th anniversary of the Radiation Laboratory would be a Special Session. The Special Session could also recognize the life work of a person in the microwave and RF industry. Examples would include the work of Matthei, Young and Jones or the work of Seymore Cohen. Special Sessions would also recognize the role played by the industry in significant world events such as the first deployment of radar for defense or the creation of a satellite network for communications or tracking. Special Sessions are constructed for a “special” purpose that exceeds the simple accumulation of papers addressing a technology. They are intended to portray the impact of society and the industry in a more expansive way. Other examples are:

- Historical Perspectives on Microwave Systems in the Atlanta Area
- Southern California Historical Firsts in Microwave Systems
- Al Gross Memorial Special Session

DEADLINE

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