

MESSAGE FROM THE COMSNETS 2017 GENERAL CHAIRS

Welcome to the 9th edition of COMSNETS! The COMSNETS conference has grown in strength and stature over the years and offers an exciting 5-day program in 2017. The conference meets in its traditional venue of The Chancery Pavilion on January 4-8. The 3-day main conference on January 5-7 is complemented by 2 days of workshops. Each day of the main conference starts with a keynote speech by a world-renowned researcher: Sue Moon from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology on January 5, Anurag Kumar from the Indian Institute of Science on January 6, and Muriel Medard from Massachusetts Institute of Technology on January 7. In addition to the presentations of papers accepted from the open call, the main-conference program also features 12 invited talks by Suman Banerjee, Ranveer Chandra, Romit Roy Choudhury, Pan Hui, Ravi Kokku, Bhaskar Krishnamachari, Amit Phadnis, Arpan Pal, Vijay Raghunathan, Vyas Sekar, Prasun Sinha, and Rajesh Sundaresan.

The main conference of COMSNETS 2017 contains a large number of diverse events organized by many volunteers. A. Chockalingam, Rahul Mangharam, and Nishanth Sastry chair the Technical Program Committee that forms paper sessions. Beside the paper sessions, the main conference involves the panel discussions organized by Saurabh Bagchi and Abhijit Lele, graduate forum chaired by Ignacio Castro and Tamarapalli Venkatesh, mentoring sessions arranged by Arash Asadi, poster program selected by Venkatesh Ramaiyan and Palani Kodeswaran, as well as demos and exhibits chaired by Balaji Vasani and Tej Pochiraju.

The COMSNETS 2017 workshop program includes ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems), WACI (Wild and Crazy Ideas on the Interplay between IoT and Big Data), Mobile India, Social Networking, and NetHealth workshops. ITS - organized by Aditya Gopalan and Gitakrishnan Ramadurai - and WACI - chaired by Prasant Misra and Vijay Gabale - open the COMSNETS week on January 4. V. Sridhar and T. K. Srikanth chair Mobile India, which runs in parallel with the main conference on January 7. Social Networking, chaired by Jean-Loup Guillaume and Animesh Mukherjee, and NetHealth, organized by Rohit Srivastava and Ramkrishna Pappu, conclude COMSNETS 2017 on January 8.

Last but not least elements at the end of COMSNETS 2017 daily programs are social events in The Chancery Pavilion. The Welcome Reception is held in the evening of January 4. The Banquet on January 6 starts with the speech by Harrick Vin from Tata Consultancy Services, followed by the COMSNETS 2017 award ceremony, and concluded by cocktails and dinner.

We would like to also thank a number of other individuals without whose help COMSNETS 2017 would not happen. Bharat Dwivedi and Shivam Vinayak maintain the conference website. Sudipta Maitra and Ananda Krishna make the local arrangements. Aruna Balasubramanian and Sandip Chakraborty take care of the publication logistics. Arnab Bhattacharyya chairs the travel grants. Sourav Dandapat, Puneet Jain, and Panagiotis Papadimitriou provide the publicity. Sudipta Maitra and Rajeev Shorey secure the sponsorships. Raj Sharma and Chandrika Sridhar manage the finances. Together with Rajeshwari Maitra, Chandrika also chairs the registrations. Student volunteers Amita Ajith Kamath, Ankit Jauhari, Bharat Didwania, Darshan B. C., Gaurav Singh, Kevin Bradley Dsouza, Sachin M., Shashank S. Kudlur, Shravya K. S., Shribhha Sharrma, and Sreekanth Dama assist the Organizing Committee with the numerous tasks in running the conference.

Beyond the direct interactions with attendees, the conference organization relies on guidance, advice, and help from the International Advisory Committee - chaired by Tulika Pandey, Zartash Afzal Uzmi, Prashant Pillai, and Dah Ming Chiu - and Steering Committee - chaired by Uday Desai, Giridhar Mandyam, Rajeev Shorey, and G. Venkatesh. We would like to especially recognize Giridhar and Rajeev for their close engagement in most of the Organizing-Committee tasks during the long months of the conference preparation. The remarkable energy and care invested by Rajeev into the COMSNETS 2017 organization have the most profound impact on shaping the conference.

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We sincerely hope that you enjoy the conference and find it useful for realizing your professional aspirations!

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