



CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS

WFCS 2027 will include Special Sessions (SSs) to enhance the technical program and focus on new trends, special topics, and breakthroughs. An SS can cover subjects belonging to the topics of interest of the Conference, or novel topics consistent with those identified as the topics of interest. An SS can also be proposed by large, specific research and innovation projects or clusters of projects.

ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL SESSIONS

If you are interested in organizing an SS, please follow the “Rules for organization of Special Sessions” below and contact Special Sessions Chairs, Mahin Ahmed (mahin.ahmed@silicon-austria.com), Luis Almeida (lida@fe.up.pt), and Gianluca Cena (gianluca.cena@cnr.it) by the deadline.

RULES FOR ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL SESSIONS

SSs are aimed at bringing together researchers from different institutions and countries. For this reason, it is highly recommended not to submit proposals with organizers from a single institution or from a single country. Please consider the following rules when proposing a SS:

- The SS must focus on a subject that does not fall directly within the WFCS topics of the regular track (i.e., those listed in the CfP), even though it must deal with the general subject of WFCS. Better, it may fall within the typical WFCS topics, but it needs to be highly specific (vertical). For instance, “*Communication networks for precision agriculture*” could be considered.
- An Individual can be (Co-)Organizer of up to two SSs (but preferably just one).
- The SS Call for Papers should be prepared using the template [WFCS2027-SS-template.docx](#) (available on the Conference’s web site).
- The SS Organizers must propose 12 possible Reviewers (no more than 6 from the TPC) who should not have any conflict of interest with the SS Organizers in coherence with the content of the proposed SS. Each Reviewer **must have explicitly accepted the invitation by the SS Organizers**, and he/she **must agree to review when later requested to do so**. Depending on the effort they spent on reviews, some SS Reviewers could be added *a posteriori* to the TPC.
- The list of Reviewers cannot include the SS Organizers and Reviewers should be from Institutions other than theirs.
- The evaluation phase of an SS proposal starts immediately after its submission, and publication on the conference website happens as soon as the SS is approved by the SS Co-Chairs.
- Once a SS is approved, it is the duty of the SS Organizers to publicize the SS to attract enough quality papers from researchers and practitioners, from Academia and Industries in the field.
- The format and length of the papers submitted to an SS must follow the same rules as **regular** papers.
- The SS must include Institutions from at least **two** (2) different Countries.
- At least **two** (2) of the Institutions that submit to the SS must be different from the Institution(s) of the SS Organizers.
- An Individual cannot be (Co-)Author of more than **two** (2) papers submitted to the same SS.
- SS Organizers cannot submit more than **two** (2) papers to the SS they organize.
- To be effective, the SS must include at least **four** (4) accepted papers. If an SS has fewer accepted papers, it is left to the discretion of the SS Co-Chairs and Program Co-Chairs whether to include it as a short SS or move its paper(s) to regular sessions.
- Papers submitted to an SS will undergo the same review process as regular papers. The SS Organizers are **not involved** in the management of the review process, which will be jointly managed by Program Co-Chairs and SS Co-Chairs. They will select Reviewers from the WFCS TPC, also considering the list of Reviewers proposed by the SS Organizers and taking into account any possible conflict of interest (Col) as defined here: <https://journals.ieeeauthorcenter.ieee.org/become-an-ieee-journal-author/publishing-ethics/guidelines-and-policies/submission-and-peer-review-policies/#conflict-interest>.
- Reviewers or SS Co-Chairs may recommend an SS paper to be submitted as a WiP paper. In that case, Chairs could propose Authors to re-submit it as a WiP.

PAPER SUBMISSION

Regular and Special Session Papers: up to 8 double-column pages (IEEE conference template)

Work-in-Progress (WiP) Papers: up to 4 double-column pages (IEEE conference template)

Demo Papers: 2–3 double-column pages (IEEE conference template), plus a document describing the demonstration setup and requirements

Accepted papers (Regular, Special Session, WiP, and Demo) will be submitted for inclusion in **IEEE Xplore**.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE: <https://wfcs2027.ieee-ies.org/index.html>

IMPORTANT DATES

SS Proposals	SS/Regular Submissions	WiP/Demo Submissions
Deadline: November 16	Deadline: January 11	Deadline: February 22
Notifications: November 20	Notifications: February 22	Notifications: March 18