BalkanCom 2025 - Empowering connections, enabling innovation

Eighth International Balkan Conference on Communications and Networking

Piraeus, Greece, June 17-20, 2025

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS AND TUTORIALS

BalkanCom is a premier technical conference in communications and networking in the Balkan region. The goal of BalkanCom is to bring together researchers from academia, research labs and industry from all over the world to the geographical and historical region of the Balkans. With the theme Empowering connections, enabling innovation, BalkanCom 2025 highlights a momentous aspect of modern communications, continuing the best tradition of scientific conferences, while being completely not for profit. The eighth edition of the conference, sponsored by IEEE ComSoc, will take place on 17-20 June 2025 in Piraeus, Greece.

In addition to technical symposia and high-profile keynote speakers, BalkanCom 2025 extends an invitation for Special Sessions and Tutorials.

> Special Sessions will provide an opportunity to focus on selected emerging topics under the conference's overarching topic of "Empowering connections, enabling innovation", and may include a mix of regular papers and short invited talks.

> Tutorials will focus on providing comprehensive overviews of the current state of the art in selected emerging topics in the form of a short (1.5 hour) or long (3 hour) tutorial.

We invite submissions of proposals for Special Sessions and Tutorials for BalkanCom 2025. Both Special Sessions and Tutorials should aim to complement the conference technical program with comprehensive overviews or in-depth insights into selected emerging topics highlighting research and development challenges in emerging AI-powered communication, information and networking technologies.

Submission Guidelines

Proposals for Special Sessions and Tutorials should be sent in the form of a one-page document outlining:
- Title of the Special Session/Tutorial
- Organizers: name, affiliation, contact information, short biography
- For Special Sessions:
  - One-paragraph description of the Special Session
  - A tentative list of authors/papers
  - An indication if the Special Session intends to adopt the IEEE review procedure and include the papers in the IEEE Xplore*
- For tutorials:
  - A short abstract describing technical content of the Tutorial
  - An indication of preferred tutorial length (short/long)

Proposals should be submitted by email to Special Sessions and Tutorial chairs:

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Important Dates

Proposal submission deadline: February 24th, 2025

Notification of acceptance: March 10th, 2025

* Please note: If the Special Session would like to include the accepted papers in the IEEE Xplore, the IEEE review procedure must be adopted and the papers must meet the IEEE Xplore scope and quality requirements. BalkanCom reserves the right to exclude a paper from distribution after the conference, if the paper is not presented at the conference.

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