

# Call for Special Session Proposals

## IEEE International NEWCAS Conference

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The technical program of the NEWCAS 2016 (jointly held with FTFC 2016) will include special sessions. The objective of these sessions is to complement the regular technical program with emerging topics of particular interest to the attendees. Each session typically comprises of 5 presentations. The first paper in the session may serve as an introduction to the topic of the special session.

Prospective organizers of special sessions should submit proposals indicating:

- Title of the session.
- Rationale of why the special session would be of interest to the technical community. The rationale should stress on the novelty of the topic and/or its multidisciplinary features (if any) and comment on how individual proposed papers address the theme of the session.
- Contact information and short biography of the organizers.
- List of 5 prospective papers (including titles, authors, contact information of the corresponding author, and a short abstract of each contribution). Organizers should not contribute with more than one paper.

Proposals will be evaluated based on their merits including the relevance and timeliness of the topic, and the qualifications of the organizers and the contributors. Special session proposals need to address topics that do not pertain to well-established technical tracks of the conference.

Once special session proposals are accepted, proposed manuscripts should be submitted to the special sessions and should conform to the formatting and electronic submission guidelines of regular NEWCAS papers. All special session papers will undergo the same review process as regular papers. If, at the end of the review process, fewer than 4 papers are accepted, the session will be canceled and the accepted papers will be moved to regular sessions.

Proposals should be sent via e-mail (in either PDF or plain text format) by the January 25, 2016 deadline to the Special Session Co-Chairs, Professors:

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#### **Important Dates:**

Special session proposals due:	January 25, 2016
Notification of acceptance:	February 1, 2016
Full 4-page papers due:	February 28, 2016
Notification of paper acceptance:	April 11, 2016
Final manuscript of accepted papers due:	April 30, 2016