



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### SELECTED AREAS IN COMMUNICATIONS SYMPOSIUM

### ACCESS SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS TRACK

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#### Scope and Topics of Interest

Access Systems and Networks continue to be one of the most active fields of telecommunication research and development in recent years. Variety of technologies and services came together to create technological challenges in the access domain. Advances in Voice over IP (VoIP), IPTV, conventional and high-definition video, and multimedia have significantly impacted the access segment of service-provider networks. Moreover, many access lines today terminate on multiple home devices. This led to a need for home networks that are designed for a blend of multi-computer Internet access, multi-platform entertainment, and voice support. The evolution towards multi-service platforms and the emergence of a spectrum of new IP-based applications are fueling more demand for bandwidth. As service providers, Telcos and Cable MSOs alike, face the challenge of triple and quadruple play delivery (voice, data, and video to end customers; over wired and wireless networks), researchers in both academia and industry must develop innovative solutions to tackle this challenge.

Broadband access utilizes a variety of transmission media and systems, such as twisted-pair copper based systems (xDSL), coaxial-cable plants, fiber based solutions (passive and active optical networks), wireless systems (Wi-Fi, WiMAX, and cellular technologies), power-lines systems (PLC), and hybrid combinations of these. Various protocols are also required to support both downstream and upstream traffic. Understanding the performance characteristics of all the technological ingredients of tomorrow's access networks/systems is critical for delivering the desired Quality of Service (QoS) to end users.

The aim of the Access Systems and Networks (ASN) Track of the Symposium on Selected Areas on Communications is to provide a forum that brings together scientists and researchers from all over the world to present their cutting-edge innovations in all aspects of the field. Papers on practical applications and R&D results from industry and academic/industrial collaborations are particularly encouraged.

To ensure complete coverage of the advances in this field, the ASN Track of the SAC Symposium solicits original contributions in, but not limited to, the following topical areas:

- Twisted pair copper systems and networks; xDSL
- Hybrid Fiber Coaxial (HFC) systems and networks
- FTTx and Passive/Active Optical systems and networks (PONs and AONs)
- Cable TV systems and networks
- Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, WiMAX, and Cellular Access
- Integrated wired/wireless access
- Optical-Wireless integration and radio over fiber
- Free-Space Optical-Access (components, systems, and networks)

- Digital satellite access technology
- Access network architectures and protocols
- New technologies and architectures in access and aggregation nodes
- Service convergence and multimedia networks
- Quality of Service (QoS): characterization and provisioning
- Access network survivability and security
- Municipal and community networks
- Power Line Communication (PLC)
- Home Networks
- Networked appliances
- Applications (video streaming/IPTV etc.)
- Synchronization (time & frequency) support in the access
- Billing and management aspects
- Standardization

### **Submission Guidelines**

The IEEE ICC 2018 website provides full instructions on how to submit papers & the paper format.

You will select the desired symposium/track when submitting.

**The paper submission deadline is October 15, 2017.**

Only PDF files will be accepted for the review process and all submissions must be done through EDAS at <http://edas.info/>