

ICME07 Call for Special Session Proposals

At ICME07, which takes place in Beijing International Convention Center, 2 – 5 July 2007, two forms of special sessions are being considered to supplement the regular program: Oral and Panel. The Oral sessions are expected to provide an overview of the state-of-the-art in a given area and highlight important research directions in a field of special interest to ICME, while the Panel sessions are expected to gather members of academia and industry to present their views on a particular topic and participate in an interactive Q&A with the audience.

Oral Session Requirements

Oral sessions should be comprised of 5 invited papers. It is encouraged that the session begins with an overview paper on the topic being addressed and remaining papers follow up with technical contributions on the topic.

The following information should be included in the proposal:

- Title of the proposed Oral session
- Names/affiliation of organizers (including brief bio and contact info)
- Session abstract (state the significance of the topic and the rationale for the proposed session including the tentative title and an abstract, with no more than 300 words of each paper)
- List of invited presenters.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness of the topic and relevance to ICME, as well as the qualifications of the organizers and quality of papers in the proposed session. Please note that all papers in the proposed session will be reviewed to ensure that the contributions are of the highest quality. Once the proposal has been approved, the organizer(s) will organize the review process. Also, Oral session papers are due the same day as regular paper submissions. In the event that a special session is not accepted in its entirety, papers from the proposed session will be considered as part of the regular technical program.

Important Dates for Oral Session Submission

12/01/2006: Oral session proposals due.
12/15/2006: Notification of acceptance for Oral sessions.
01/05/2007: Special session paper submission due.
03/19/2007: Notification of acceptance of papers.
04/16/2007: Final camera-ready manuscripts due.

Panel Session Requirements

Panel sessions should be organized around a topic of current interest that would be well suited for an open and interactive discussion. Panel sessions should include 3 panelists as

well as a moderator that is capable of stimulating discussion between the panelists and the audience. It is important that the session organizer contact potential panelists prior to submission of the proposal to ensure their commitment to attend the conference and participate in the panel.

The following information should be included in the proposal:

- Title of the proposed Panel session
- Names/affiliation of the moderator (including brief bio and contact info)
- Rationale for the proposed session and key points for discussion
- List of panelists (including brief bios)

Proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness of the topic and relevance to ICME, the suitability and perceived interest of the proposed session as a Panel at ICME, as well as the qualifications of the moderator and panelists in the proposed session. For accepted sessions, panel members will make a brief presentation on the select topic and will be expected to answer questions from the audience. The moderator should coordinate Q&A and may provide some opening and closing remarks.

Important Dates for Panel Session

03/01/2007: Panel session proposals due.

03/19/2007: Notification of acceptance for Panel sessions.

Submission Procedure for both Oral and Panel Special Sessions

Those who are interested in organizing a special session (Oral or Panel) should submit a proposal adhering to the above requirements by email to Dr. Shipeng Li at shipeng.li@microsoft.com and Dr. John Aa. Sorensen (jaas@ihk.dk). Please note that the due dates are different for Oral and Panel sessions.