



Call for Special Sessions

Special session proposals are invited to the 2020 IEEE WCCI. Special session proposals should include the title, aim, and scope (including a list of main topics), and the names of the organizers of the special session, together with a short biography of all organizers. A list of potential contributors will be very helpful. All special sessions proposals should be submitted by **November 15, 2019** to the Special Sessions Chairs, according to the most appropriate topic:

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GUIDELINES TO SPECIAL SESSIONS ORGANIZERS

- » Each Special Session (SS) should generally have a maximum of four organizers and it is mandatory that at least one of them attends and chairs the SS. In special circumstances such as multi-disciplinary proposals or proposals integrating a CI technique from neural networks, evolutionary computation and fuzzy system with machine learning and operations research techniques, four or five organizers are possible but this needs to be fully justified.
- » SSs must have a single main organizer, the corresponding contact. Others can be co-organizers. All the organizers must be a staff member at an institution or a company, and no PhD or other students can be organizers.
- » Organizers should avoid very narrow topics for SSs, trying to have accepted papers from different institutions.
- » SS Organizers must handle the review process of papers submitted to their own session. However, at least two reviewers must be selected from researchers outside possible authors of papers of the SS. It is expected that organizers are committed to providing the reviews in due time.
- » The organizer of each multi-disciplinary special session must decide which of the three conferences (IJCNN, IEEE CEC, and FUZZ IEEE) that they want to associate their special session with.
- » All the submitted special sessions will be assessed by the organizing committee and provisional acceptance will generally be made in two weeks. Proposals of similar topics will be asked to merge or modify.