



SoftCOM 2016 PhD Forum - Presentation instructions

Dear PhD Forum participant,

Congratulations for your paper being accepted to the *SoftCOM 2016* PhD Forum! The PhD Forum will take place **between 15:00 and 16:30 h** on **Thursday, September 22, 2016**, in **room Vis** of hotel Radisson Blu, Split. The PhD Forum session will be divided in two parts: (1) fast-paced pitch talks given by the participants inside the room, and (2) a poster session in the exhibition area directly in front of the room, which will provide an opportunity for discussion between the participants and the audience.

Please follow the instructions for preparing the presentation materials. At the *SoftCOM 2016* website you can find the **templates** for [pitch talk presentation](#) and [poster](#). **Pitch talk presentations** should be **uploaded** (in the PPT format) **via EDAS** by no later than **Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 23:59 h**. Poster stands (boards) will be provided for displaying the posters. Poster stands (boards) will be labeled with poster assignments. A schematic outline of the poster session area will be provided, along with accessories for fixing the posters. **Posters** should be **put up** on **Thursday, September 22, 2016**, any time **from 10:00 until 14:30 h**.

The purpose of the **pitch talk presentation** is to offer a brief outline of a participant's doctoral research work and should consist of **maximum 4 slides**. The first slide provides basic information on the presenter (title of the abstract, student's name, advisor's name, affiliation(s), student's e-mail address), presenter's photo (obligatory) and her/his institution's logo (optional). The remaining three slides can be structured according to one's needs/preferences (e.g., motivation, problem description, and methodology/results). Please be aware that **each pitch talk presentation is strictly time-limited and lasts for maximum of 2 minutes**. **If a presenter exceeds the 2 minutes limit**, no additional time will be granted and the PhD Forum **chairman will end her/his presentation momentarily** (please take this into account while preparing the pitch talk presentation).

Pitch talk presentations will be held in the alphabetical order by participant's last name. **As soon as one presentation ends, the next one will start (there will be no time for questions and/or discussion at that time)**. There will be an opportunity to further elaborate on one's research in the poster session after the pitch talk presentations.

During the poster session all extended abstracts will be discussed simultaneously. Each poster display **must be attended during this session by the author/participant**. Please note that poster presentations differ in a few essential aspects from traditional sessions:

- Visual materials must be created so as to be clear/simple and easily read at a distance of approximately 1.5 meters.
- Content should be discussed, rather than just read.

There are several **key rules and suggestions for the poster preparation**:

- The poster should be **formatted according to the [template](#)** and **printed on standard A1 size paper (594 x 841 mm, portrait orientation) before coming to Split**.
- Poster organization - Focus on introduction and motivation, research problem, methodology, and (if applicable) results/discussion. The poster content should start in the upper left corner and generally flow from left to right and from top to bottom. If needed, use, e.g., numbers or arrows to indicate content flow to the audience.
- Poster content - **Do not put too much information into the poster** (especially too many numbers or complicated graphs). Focus on two or three main points in each poster section. **Use text cautiously** - it is often better to use bullets than paragraphs. **Highlight key results with simplified diagrams and/or tables.**
- Poster lettering - All lettering must be easily read from a distance of approximately 1.5 meters. Use a bold typeface for labels. Lettering for figure captions should be larger than that of the main text, but smaller than the main poster headings. Text in upper- and lower-case letters is more readable than all capitals. **Use font types and sizes that conform to the poster template.**