



Call for participation

SoftCOM 2016 PhD Forum

SoftCOM 2016 conference will host a **PhD Forum** on **Thursday, September 22, 2016**. The PhD Forum will take place at the **SoftCOM 2016 conference venue** – the Radisson Blu Resort hotel in **Split, Croatia**.

The PhD Forum provides an opportunity for **PhD students to present their work** in the areas of ICT related to the **SoftCOM 2016 conference topics** to a **wider community of researchers** from **academia and industry**. The forum aims to encourage **interaction and networking** among PhD students, as well as the audience.

The PhD Forum will be organized as a **poster session**, preceded by a **fast-paced introduction** by each student, offering a preview of the posters. Each student will be given a strictly-timed **2-minutes'** slot to present a "pitch talk" about their research. The purpose of the pitch talk is to provide a brief outline of one's doctoral research work, with the goal to raise awareness and generate further discussion over the poster session and coffee break that follow.

Doctoral students are invited to submit a **two-page extended abstract** for review and possible inclusion in the PhD Forum program. The abstracts should be formatted according to SoftCOM paper submission instructions, and submitted by using EDAS: <https://edas.info/newPaper.php?c=22577&track=82190> The extended abstract should contain the title, the names and affiliations of the student and his/her advisor(s), the abstract, the research topic presentation, and the list of references. The second page should contain graphical illustrations to aid the presentation.

The authors of accepted submissions will be asked to prepare a poster, to be personally presented by the PhD student at the forum. The poster should be formatted according to the template which is available at the following address: http://marjan.fesb.hr/SoftCOM/2016/files/apk/softcom16_phdforum.ppt and printed on standard A1 size paper (594 x 841 mm, portrait orientation).

To keep within the time limits of PhD Forum as a whole, the number of PhD presentations/posters will be limited to 20. All submissions will be reviewed by the PhD Forum Program & Organizing Committee based on relevance to the conference, innovativeness, and quality of presentation.

All accepted and presented submissions will be published in the **Book of Abstracts of the SoftCOM 2016 PhD Forum**. All posters will be exhibited in the conference area during the entire **SoftCOM 2016** conference.

For authors of accepted presentations/posters, the PhD Forum registration fee is **100 EUR** and it includes: 1) PhD Forum participation; 2) Book of Abstracts (electronic version); 3) access to other **SoftCOM 2016** conference sessions; 4) coffee breaks; 5) conference luncheons; 6) accommodation in the student centre of the University of Split (two nights; Sept. 22 and Sept. 23).

IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission deadline: **September 15, 2016**

Notification of acceptance: **September 17, 2016**

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