Communications and Networks are the nerve system of Information Technology, and a dominating part of our daily lives. Web 2.0, Data Science, Big Data, Social Networks, Mobile Devices, Smart Phones, Cloud Computing, and other network-based technologies are seeing explosive growth of services to all user domains; public or private, military or government, educational or industry, healthcare or finance, science or entertainment. Quality of Service, Security, Interoperability, speedy access, and many other important requirements need to be studied, monitored, and predicted by methodologies such as simulation; a proven technique that can save costs, time, and/or lives.

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**Topics**

**Big Data & Social Networks**

- Big Data Modeling and Simulation
- Data Science and Network Simulation
- Information Retrieval and Search Engines
- Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery in Web
- Social Networks Simulation
- Web2.0 Simulation
- Web-Based Simulation and Applications
- Information Management and Simulation
Cloud Computing

- Cloud Performance
- Cloud Interoperability
- Hybrid & Enterprise Cloud Architecture
- Virtualization & Data Centers
- Simulation on the Cloud
- Simulation tools for Cloud Computing
- Clusters and Grid Computing & Communications
- Distributed Simulation and Real Time Systems

Network Security

- Cyberspace Security
- Network Security
- Cloud Security
- Security of Mobile Devices
- Network Security and Management
- Network Design and Performance Analysis

Biological Networks and Healthcare

- Cellular communications and biological computing
- Wireless Sensor Networks in Healthcare
- Electronic Healthcare Records
- Military Healthcare System & Infrastructure
- Public Healthcare System & Infrastructure

Wireless Network & Mobile Network

- Ad Hoc Network
- Wireless Communications and Networks
- Mobile application
- Signaling and Routing protocols
- Smart Phone Application

Other Network related simulation

- Traffic Engineering and Measurements
- High Level Architecture Simulation and Application
- Virtual Environments and Virtual Classrooms
- Peer-to-Peer Communications and Computations
- Large Scale Networks simulation
- Simulation Tools for Communications and Networks
- Modeling Techniques, Verification and Validation
- Internet and Mobile QoS Architectures
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- Abstract Feedback: October 30, 2016
- Full paper Submission: December 15, 2016
- Notification of Acceptance: January 31, 2017
- Camera-ready Paper: February 20, 2017
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