

Technical Program Committee Chairs' Welcome Letter

The Technical Program of the fourth edition of RTSI is very rich: it includes 27 technical sessions with 138 contributed papers, 29 invited talks and keynote speakers, five tutorials on very hot topics, 3 panels in which industries and universities debate on topics like:

- Smart energy systems for smart city districts,
- Smart Technologies & Best Practices for Industry 4.0 and Digital Transformation
- ICT at the service of the citizen: best practices and business cases;
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and a Special meeting on innovative start up & entrepreneurs in which incubators, associations and foundations can share their ideas for nurturing a favourable ecosystem toward an altruistic model of economy.

In addition the program includes:

- a Young Professional Demo Competition with the focus on innovative prototype implementations, systems and technologies in a broad range of fields that include all the themes belonging to RTSI;
- a WIE event: titled “Steering girls to STEM”, organized by the IEEE Women in Engineering Italian Affinity Group in cooperation with other two Italian Associations AICA and AEIT;
- The IEEE Student Branch Meeting organized by the IEEE Italy Section SB coordinator with the objective to bring together the Italian Student Branches sharing their best practices and also offering the students the opportunity to follow an international and interdisciplinary conference;
- The Meeting with Industries with the objective to inform all participants of the initiatives that IEEE Region 8 (Europe, Africa and Middle East) and IEEE Italy Section are promoting in favor of industries. Such event will include presentations by ST, an industry already involved in joint programs with IEEE, and by IEEE France Section reporting on their actions for industries. The meeting will end with an open discussion with the participant industries on new ideas and proposals of common interest.

We would like to thank all technical sponsors for their support and promotion, the track chairs and session chairs for their essential work of organization and management of the technical sessions, all the reviewers who assured a high quality of papers. Special thanks are also due to the chairs of the tutorial, panels and YP Event for their valuable work.

Last but not least, a special thank to the organizing team of the University of Palermo whose effective contribution and enthusiastic work ensured the realization of this event.

Hope you all can enjoy RTSI 2018!

With our best regards,

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