

## Call for hosting ROCOND 2021

The IFAC Technical Committee 2.5 on Robust Control is in charge for selecting the location of the *10th Symposium of Robust Control Design* planned for the year 2021 (ROCOND'21).

The selection will be carried out during the forthcoming *Conference on Decision and Control* that will be held in Miami Beach, FL, USA, December 17-19, 2018 (CDC-2018).

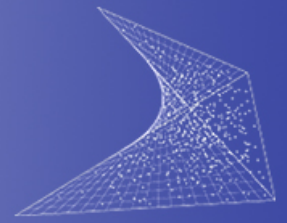
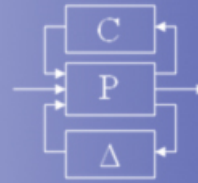
ROCOND'21 follows the 2018 edition that is organized in Florianopolis, Brazil.

The main criteria that will be adopted for the selection of ROCOND'21 are summarized in the following items (without a priority):

- Availability of an appropriate infrastructure and facilities for setting up a Symposium of the size of recent ROCOND.
- Proposing team, with their activity carried out in the field of robust control systems and possibly with their activity within IFAC.
- Geographical distribution of the Symposiums in earlier years.
- Moderate registration fees and availability of some inexpensive accommodation.

Timelines and guidelines for the selection procedure are presented in the following items:

- Deadline for the submission of the proposals: **November 14, 2018**. The proposals must be sent by email to the chair of the TC ([msznaier@coe.neu.edu](mailto:msznaier@coe.neu.edu)). The proposal consists of a document describing the candidature with special regards to the criteria specified above. The whole proposal must be limited to 2 pages, size A4, font Times Roman, 12 pt.
- The TC Chair will send out the received proposals to the IFAC TC 2.5 Members by November 15, 2018. Members can request for clarifications and additional information about the proposals. Additional information requests must be transmitted to the Chair of C 2.5, who will forward them to the specific proponents. Period for requests of additional information: **November 15-December 1 2018**. The proponents have to reply to the questions by **December 1 2018**, and the TC chair will forward the answers to all the TC members before CDC-2018.



- During [CDC-2018 in Miami Beach](#) a TC meeting will be organized. During the meeting:
  - o each proponent will briefly present its candidature. The presentation must not be longer than 5 min plus 2-4 min for discussion. The presence of at least one person of the proponent team is mandatory for presentation of the candidature.
  - o IFAC TC 2.5 Members attending the meeting will vote for selecting the winner. The voting rules are described next.

#### Voting system during [CDC-2018 in Miami Beach](#).

All TC 2.5 members attending the TC meeting have right to vote, except the ones coming from the proponent countries.

- The vote is secret.
- The voting procedure is considered valid in presence of at least 18 voters (50% of the *active members*, around 25% of the overall members). In case the quorum is not reached, a different democratic selection procedure, to take place after [CDC-2018](#), will be decided during the meeting (e.g. a mail vote of the active members).
- If more than two proposals are evaluated, two voting stages will be set up. In the first stage, the two proposals that have obtained the higher number of votes will be identified. The second stage will be a simple majority vote between these two. In the possible second stage, members of the countries excluded in the first stage have right to vote.

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