



IEEE SmartGridComm 2011 Announces April 4, 2011 as “Call for Papers” Deadline
*2nd Annual Conference Dedicated to the Advance of Global Smart Grid Communications
to be held October 17 – 20, 2011 in Brussels, Belgium*

NEW YORK, NY (January 26, 2011) -- The IEEE International Conference on Smart Grid Communications (SmartGridComm) has announced April 4, 2011 as the “Call for Papers” deadline for its 2nd annual event to be held October 17 – 20, 2011 in Brussels, Belgium. All interested researchers, industry professionals and government officials are urged to visit www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011 for specific submission details as well as ongoing conference updates.

Held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Maryland last October, IEEE SmartGridComm 2010 included the presentation of more than 100 keynotes, panels, technical sessions and workshops dedicated to the development and upgrade of global smart grid communications ranging from remote metering and improved cyber-security to enhanced data retrieval and on-road vehicle recharging. Throughout the course of the three-day event, more than 450 global energy experts also discussed the international urgency to reduce energy consumption and advance emergency services, while exploring the latest pathways for supporting the two-way flow of data, advancing remote monitoring, integrating renewable energy sources into existing systems and empowering consumers with the information needed to make intelligent energy decisions.

As a result of last year’s success, IEEE SmartGridComm 2011 has been expanded to include a four-day program of events beginning on Monday, October 17 with a full day of workshops and tutorials. The agenda will then proceed Tuesday through Thursday with the presentation of three full days of keynotes, panels and technical papers highlighting the latest global efforts to facilitate the production, delivery and use of electricity worldwide.

“We are extremely proud of the early success of IEEE SmartGridComm and its comprehensive pathways for addressing the economic, environmental, technological and societal urgency for increasing energy independence and revolutionizing the management and control of energy worldwide,” said IEEE SmartGridComm TPC Co-Chair Chris Develder from Ghent University - IBBT, Belgium. “As a result, our enthusiastic team of volunteers, industry experts, professional organizers and IEEE staff has joined to develop another premier forum that explores the latest global energy issues and provides attendees with the opportunity to network and socialize with international peers and colleagues.”

“In addition, Brussels is an ideal location for achieving all of these goals. As the home of numerous international organizations, especially the European Commission, it boasts a rich cultural,



intellectual and historical background to offer a multitude of sightseeing and culinary experiences that rival many of the world's most luxurious locales.”

Hosted by the IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc), IEEE SmartGridComm 2011 is dedicated to exchanging novel ideas, exploring the latest enabling technologies, discussing innovative designs and sharing field experiences related to the full range of Smart Grid communications. All interested parties are recommended to visit www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011 and submit original contributions on symposia topics that include:

- Architectures and Models for the Smart Grid
- Smart Grid Network and Service Management
- Wide-Area Monitoring, Control & Protection - WAMPAC
- The Whole Picture: Sense, Communicate, Compute, Control
- Communication Networks for Smart Grid
- Cyber and Physical Security and Privacy
- Smart/Virtual Metering, Demand Response, Dynamic Pricing
- Interconnections and Communications of Electric Vehicles and Smart Grids
- Virtual Power Plants, Distributed Generation, Microgrids, Renewables and Storage
- Standardization, Interoperability and Coexistence & Regulation
- Getting Practical: Field trials, Deployments, and Lessons Learnt

For further information, including IEEE SmartGridComm 2011 registration details, please also feel free to contact Heather Ann Sweeney of the IEEE Communications Society at h.sweeney@comsoc.org or join with colleagues to discuss the latest conference updates at <https://twitter.com/SmartGridComm> or <http://www.facebook.com/SmartGridComm>.

IEEE SmartGridComm is hosted by the IEEE Communications Society, which has over 40,000 members and is the second largest of IEEE's 38 technical societies. Founded in 1952, IEEE ComSoc is recognized as a major international forum for the exchange of ideas on communications and information networking. The society is also an international sponsor of global publications, conferences, certification and educational programs, local activities, technical committees and standardization projects.

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