ICCHP 2024 - Special Thematic Sessions (STS)

# Rules and Guidelines

1. Each STS is organized by one or several chairs.
2. Each STS works autonomously. Each STS will set up its own Call for Contributions. The text describing the subject and the topics of the STS has to be published on an own web site or on the ICCHP web site. In case of an own web page the link should be sent to the STS coordinator (klaus.miesenberger@jku.at). The ICCHP web site will link to STS web site, the STS web site links to the general ICCHP STS site. The description includes:
* STS chair name, affiliation, contact details and (if possible) a portrait photo of the chair
* Title of the STS
* Description of the STS

Please refer to examples of former STSs at <https://www.icchp.org/sts>.

1. Authors submitting to an STS have to follow the general submission, publishing and registration procedure of the conference. The STS will be a selection option in the online submission form. Authors have to select the STS title in the submission procedure. Chairs should inform authors on this to make sure that contributions are allocated in the right way.
2. STS contributions have to pass the peer reviewing process of the conference. The STS chair is invited to take part in the review process. Review results will be discussed with the chairs.
3. Each STS consist of at least 4 accepted contributions and will be integrated as an own session into the conference programme. Only if 4 contributions or more are accepted, an STS session will be allocated. It is up to the conference organization to decide how to proceed in case of a lower number of contributions.
4. Each STS invites to publish contributions in an own chapter of the proceedings. Publications in both publication channels (Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Open Access Compendium) are possible. Only if 4 papers are accepted and provided for one of the publishing options a chapter can be opened.
5. If an STS chapter is opened, the chair is invited to publish an introduction (6-8 pages in camera-ready format) as an introduction and overview to the STS topic. If an STS opens a chapter in both publishing options, the introduction will be included in LNCS. The OAC chapter will reference this introduction. An introduction in LNCS therefore can also reference the chapter and publications in OAC. Information on how to reference will be provided by the OAC editors. **Deadline for STS introductions: April 5, 2024.**
6. The STS chair is free of organizational matters: registration, conference rooms, or whatever needed for the organization of the STS.
7. If contributions not submitted to the STS address the topic of the STS, the Program Committee might contact the STS chair to include these contributions.
8. ICCHP STS sessions will be chaired by the STS chair in person. If the chair person is not able to attend, another chair has to be nominated by the original chair of the STS.
9. STS chairs will have access to the contributions submitted to their STS and are invited to act as reviewers for these papers.
10. **Deadline for STS proposals: January 19, 2024.**

# Procedures

1. Please get in contact with the STS co-ordinators (klaus.miesenberger@jku.at) with the following information:
* Name, affiliation and email of chair(s)
* Description of the STS and submission expected
* In case: link to your own web page of the STS
* A portrait of the chair(s)
1. The STS coordinators will announce your STS at [www.icchp.org](http://www.icchp.org) and ask you to check the announcement; this page will link to your personal STS page or to your affiliation page; your page should link to ICCHP.

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