



## Call for Competitions

Competitions present a unique opportunity to compare diverse solutions to a problem and ignite discussions on topics related to one or more symposia in SSCI 2025. We invite competition proposals from the community (including Government) and industry.

### General Rules for Arranging Competitions

- The proposers need to fill out the proposal format (attached below) and send it to the competition chairs: kazi.ripon@oslomet.no ; changshing.lee@gmail.com
- Competitions can be SSCI-wide or can be related to a specific symposium.
- SSCI/Symposia competitions can have sponsors. The sponsors must be declared in the proposals or approved separately by the General Chair(s) or Competition Chair(s).
- The General Chair(s) will accept or reject the competition proposals by consulting with the Program Chair(s)/Competition Chair(s).
- Accepted competitions will be listed on the conference website. However, once accepted, competition organizers are responsible for publicity, maintaining the website, setting up the submission system, and answering participant questions.
- SSCI will provide winning certificates. Competition organizers can offer small prizes as per IEEE CIS guidelines.
- While adopting the competition guidelines (below) is encouraged, we are also open to considering other formats. If the proposers have ideas, please contact the Competitions Chair(s) to discuss them.

### Important Dates

Submission deadline (Competition proposals): 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Notification of acceptance (Competition proposals): 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (**Proposals received early will get early notifications**)

Submission deadline (Competition participants): 10<sup>th</sup> January

Notification of acceptance (Competition participants): 20<sup>th</sup> January

Early registration deadline (for competition attendees **ONLY**): 27<sup>th</sup> January

### Competition Guidelines

- Competitions require participants to solve CIS-related tasks using software.
- The participants must submit a description of their method for solving the task, initial results, and source codes to the related competition organizers.
- Accepted participants will have to run and demonstrate the software at the conference, in order to be considered an eligible entry.
- The competition organizers will evaluate and rank the submission according to the evaluation criteria submitted with the competition proposal and approved by the SSCI-2025.
- The GC(s)/PC(s)/SC(s) will evaluate the ranking and accept/reject for demonstration during the SSCI-2025.
- During the demonstration, the methods and solutions will be evaluated by multiple juries.
  - The competition organizers are responsible for selecting the jury panel.
    - To serve as a jury, s/he should have a similar experience/background to an SSCI-2025 reviewer.
    - The SC (s) must approve the list of juries before the competition during SSCI-2025.
  - After the demonstrations conclude, the jury announces the competition winner.
    - The juries will evaluate and rank the demonstrations based on the weights(points) already assigned by the competition organizers and the total weight(points) provided by each jury.
    - In the event of equal ranking, the total points from each jury will decide the winner. If still tied, the competition organizer(s) and juries will reach a consensus.
    - If still tied, the Symposium Chair(s) will decide the winner based on consensus and current rankings.

### Contact

Competition Chairs:

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