

# Author Guidelines

## 1. Manuscript Preparation

- Strictly concentrate papers related to communications and networking (theories, technologies, standards, applications), and in a field which is of increasing importance and of interest to academia and industry; we are reluctant to admit papers to the review process which deal with topics which have been well investigated.
- The manuscript should build on the existing survey/tutorial paper (if there is any) and clearly distinguish its contribution from that in other related works in the literature.
- Decide between tutorial (i.e. explain in great details how something specific works) or survey paper (i.e. expose the state of the art in the field of choice).
- Unlike Magazine papers (e.g. those in *IEEE Communications Magazine* or *IEEE Wireless Communications* or *IEEE Network*), the papers submitted to the *IEEE Communications Surveys and Tutorials* (COMST) should be technically more in-depth. Also, the coverage of the topic should be comprehensive (unlike the IEEE Transactions Papers).
- Ensure bibliography is up-to-date, i.e. within months of the submission date; old milestone papers can/should be cited but too many old citations indicate that the field has moved on and is thus not of interest to COMST; also, please, check prior COMST publications to ensure you are well positioned with respect to prior publications.
- Make sure you synthesize as much as possible by introducing insightful taxonomies, tables, figures, etc. For example, if you are describing some algorithms, compare them together preferably by using a Table.
- Providing insights into future research items will be very much appreciated by the reviewers.
- Although there is no strict page limit, please be mindful that a lengthy paper will take more than the average time to be reviewed.

## 2. Manuscript Submission

- Please add all coauthors to the MC1 system whilst submitting. Author list changes are not allowed during the review process, except granted requests with good justification during a major manuscript revision. Please make sure you check that the final PDF displays well as sometimes MC1 faces conversion problems.
- Feel free to suggest some qualified reviewers without any guarantee that they will eventually be chosen.
- Prepare for an average review time of THREE months.

## 3. Revision Process

- Please, address rigorously each comment of the reviewers.

- We require a rebuttal process where you reply how each comment was addressed and you show clearly in the resubmitted document where exactly it was changed.
- Please ensure that you resubmit the paper within the given deadline.

#### **4. Publication Process**

- Please follow the instructions in the acceptance email to handle the final submission process.
- Note that your paper becomes citable once it has a DOI assigned.