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## Call for Proposals – Panel & Rump Sessions

### General Description:

Lunchtime panel sessions and the Tuesday evening rump session will bring together experts in a particular topic to engage in a lively discussion on issues of contemporary interest to the MTT community. Audience interaction and participation are strongly encouraged. The topics may be technical in nature or may address issues in other areas such as education, business and career development.

### New for IMS 2009:

- **Awards will be presented for “Most Well-Attended Panel Session” (highest number of attendees) and “Most Interesting Panel Session” (based on audience feedback).**
- **We will beta test the use of RF clickers, which allow the audience to be polled in real time. Audience response to multiple choice questions can be displayed as bar graphs in Powerpoint. 30-40 of these clickers will be available in the panel rooms, and we will provide panel moderators with training on their use.**

### General Guidelines:

1. Panel sessions will run for 1 hour and 15 minutes during the lunch break, while the Tuesday evening rump session can run longer.
2. A moderator should be designated to introduce the panel topic and guide the discussions. After the introduction, each panelist is given a block of time to state his/her point of view. The balance of time should be devoted to lively debate among the panelists, with audience participation.
3. Panel session proposals will be reviewed by the appropriate Steering Committee members. The responsible organizers will be informed directly by the Panel Session Chair if their proposals were accepted or rejected.
4. All organizers and speakers will be required to register for at least one day of the conference. No financial support for travel or lodging will be provided.

### Proposal Submissions:

Please e-mail panel/rump session proposals to the Panel Session Chair Phillip Smith at [pmsmith@ieee.org](mailto:pmsmith@ieee.org) by September 19, 2008. Downloadable form, indicating information required for evaluation of your proposal, is available [click here to download: panel proposal form](#)

## Proposal Submission Deadline

Proposals for panel and rump sessions:

19 September 2008