**SMC 2017**

**WORKSHOP ON BRAIN-MACHINE INTERFACES**

**IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SYSTEMS, MAN, AND CYBERNETICS**

**OCTOBER 5-8, 2017**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS**

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**2017 Workshop on Brain-Machine Interface Systems**

The IEEE SMC 2017 7th Workshop on Brain-Machine Interface Systems (BMI) will be held on October 5-8, 2017 at the Banff Center, Banff, Canada as part of the program of SMC 2017 – the flagship annual conference of the IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society. The goal of the workshop is to provide a forum for researchers to present research results, facilitate the interaction and intellectual exchange between all researchers, developers and consumers of BMI technology. We invite contributions reporting the latest advances, innovations and applications in the field of BMI.

The workshop is organized by the IEEE SMC Technical Committee on Brain-Machine Interfaces Systems and is technically co-sponsored by the IEEE Brain Initiative, IEEE Consumer Electronic Society, IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, IEEE Magnetics Society, and the IEEE Systems Council. Participation is free to all registered SMC 2017 attendees. The theme of this year’s workshop is:

*From Lab to Life: BMI Systems in the Coming Decade*

In the future, the range and sophistication of BMI Systems will achieve what seems impossible today: Intelligent neuromorphic prosthetics that function as a seamless extension of the brain; biocompatible nanotechnology that reside within the brain to read and write neural states without requiring a power supply; sensorimotor and cognitive BMI Systems that restore lost or compromised vision, hearing, memory, and mobility; and artificially intelligent cloud-based systems that seamlessly augment our cognitive capabilities. In the coming decade, we will see progress being made towards these goals.

**Call for Papers**

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**Important Dates**

February 24, 2017 Deadline for submission of proposals for BMI Special Sessions
March 15, 2017 Acceptance/rejection notification of proposals for BMI Special Sessions
April 7, 2017 Deadline for submission of contributions for BMI regular and special sessions
May 25, 2017 Acceptance notification for all categories of BMI papers and posters
July 9, 2017 Final camera-ready papers due for BMI regular and special sessions
August 5, 2017 Deadline for early registration
October 5-8, 2017 Conference dates

**Regular Session Papers:** Prospective authors are invited to submit full-length papers electronically through the conference website. Papers should be concise, but contain sufficient detail and references to allow critical review.

**Special Sessions:** Special Sessions provide a focused discussion of new or innovative topics. Special session organizers collect at least five papers, download the BMI special session proposal template from the SMC 2017 website, and submit the completed proposal to the Special Sessions Chair.

Note: Accepted papers that are not physically presented at SMC 2017 will be excluded from the IEEE proceedings.

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**BMI WORKSHOP PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

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**BMI WORKSHOP KEYNOTES**

Commercialization of Technology

Featuring Founders Behind Innovative Companies

**INVITED SPEAKERS**

**PANELS**

Important Topics in Designing and Building Real World BMI Systems: What is New?
How Research and Methodologies in Systems, Human-Machine Systems, and Cybernetics can be applied to BMI
What Have We Learned, Where Do We Go From Here?

**TUTORIALS**

BMI Systems - State of the Art
New Applications in BMI Systems

**BRAIN HACKATHON**

Planned to be World’s Largest (free)

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