

ISGT 2019 – 10 Years of ISGT – Innovation for a Flexible and Resilient Grid

Call for Panel Sessions

The tenth Conference on Innovative Smart Grid Technologies (ISGT 2019), sponsored by the IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES), will be held on February 17-20, 2019 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, Washington DC with the theme “10 Years of ISGT – Innovation for a Flexible and Resilient Grid.”

ISGT 2019 is a forum to discuss the latest issues, trends, and emerging and innovative technologies for grid modernization in the face of challenges of a rapidly changing environment resulting from the dramatic increase in deployments of renewable and Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and the emergence of new business and operating concepts and services. The elements of interest include prosumers, microgrids, aggregators, distribution markets, and platforms in the generation, commercialization, and management of electricity. The Conference will feature plenary sessions, panels, technical papers, and tutorials by experts on grid modernization, transmission and distribution systems planning and operations, DER integration, smart grid technologies and applications, and system integration. A key focus of ISGT is to facilitate in-depth discussions among the participants – sharing experiences and lessons learned, and raising the awareness and understanding of the latest concepts, applications, and technologies. In a departure from the format of previous years, all accepted papers will be presented in poster sessions. Papers presented by authors in the poster sessions will also be posted on IEEE Xplore after the conference. Also, to promote a more efficient and comprehensive engagement among participants, ISGT 2019 will make panel presentations and papers available online in advance of the conference to allow registrants time to prepare questions and comments for the presenters to address during the conference. The conference will also feature speakers and panelists from key federal and state government agencies and discuss ongoing activities, trends and recent developments in the regulatory and policy arena. The theme for this year will be “10 Years of ISGT – Innovation for a Flexible and Resilient Grid” with three tracks: 1) Transmission and Distribution systems planning and analysis, 2) technology applications and supporting tools for Transmission and Distribution system operations, and 3) market and policy considerations in facilitating innovation and enabling a flexible and resilient grid.

The Conference Organizing Committee invites practitioners and researchers worldwide to submit proposals for panel sessions for review and possible presentation. The format of panel sessions typically consists of three speakers and a moderator. Proposals including presentations of electric utility experiences and practical implementations of novel concepts and solutions are encouraged. Proposals are due on September 30, 2018 and the final decision will be communicated by October 31, 2018.

The Conference scope covers the three tracks and could include the following general topics:

Track 1: Transmission and Distribution systems planning and analysis

- Emerging practices for integrated Transmission and Distribution systems planning considering DER and grid-edge actors, including approaches for:
 - Scenario and forecasting analysis
 - Hosting capacity analysis
 - Interconnection processes
 - Locational value analysis
 - DER sourcing
 - Transmission-distribution coordination.
 - Assessing impacts of renewable generation
- Technologies and methodologies addressing grid integration of:

- PV distributed generation
- Energy storage
- Combined distributed generation-energy storage
- Smart homes and buildings
- Electric vehicles, and other DER
- Use of data-driven methods, FACTs, and synchrophasors for wide-area control
- Synthetic inertia from inverter-based generation
- Application of “Big Data” and advanced analytics to grid planning
- Development of models, algorithms, and analytical tools
- Technologies and methodologies for advancing physical and cybersecurity
- Application of grid architecture to address requirements and design considerations for coordination, information management, interoperability, and communications and control systems.
- Applications of augmented reality in the power industry
- Impacts of sensor data quality, accuracy, communications, and storage on applications

Track 2: Technology applications and supporting tools for Transmission and Distribution system operations

- Emerging practices and methodologies for transmission and distribution grid operation, including provision of grid services from DER and dynamic grid control.
- Operational experience with microgrid and advanced technologies
- Distributed and optimization methods, e.g., for use in DER Management Systems (DERMS) and microgrid controllers
- Advanced Distribution Management Systems (ADMS) and future grid operating systems, platforms, and applications
- Sensing, communications and control
- Next generation AMI
- Next generation synchrophasors
- Advanced technologies for managing grid dynamics
- Advanced technologies and methodologies for wide area operations and awareness
- Edge computing, control and analytics
- Smart controls and sensors in end-use devices
- Applications of cloud computing in electric power systems
- Applications of “Big Data” and advanced analytics
- Employing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)
- Utilizing smart robotics for asset monitoring, grid service and maintenance

Track 3: Market and policy considerations in facilitating innovation and enabling a flexible and resilient grid

- Methods and tools that can evaluate technological and policy options.
- Operational and regulatory coordination challenges and possibilities at the transmission and distribution seams
- Distribution markets and system platforms (DSP, DSO, etc.)
- Converged infrastructures, including Smart Cities
- Transactive Energy Systems and related topics such as emerging grid services, tradable products, and incentive-compatible market design
- Possibilities and limitations of emerging hardware/software technologies (Internet of Things-IoT, Blockchain, etc.) in facilitating distributed transactive exchanges

Panel Session Proposal Submission

Panel session proposals are to be submitted by **September 30, 2018 (no later than 11:59 PT EST)** via the document submission portal, which will be available on the [ISGT website](#).

Required Information

Name, Affiliation and Contact Information:

Please provide your name, title, affiliation, and contact information (e-mail address and mailing address).

Title of Panel Session:

Please provide the title of the panel session.

Scope of Panel Session:

Please provide a discussion of the content and format of the panel session. The discussion on content should be sufficiently detailed to understand how it addresses one or more themes of the conference and to enable reviewers to assess the proposal's merit against the evaluation criteria noted above. Panel sessions typically range between 1.5 to 2 hours in duration and consist of presentations by three speakers and a moderator with an opportunity for discussion (questions and answers), however, other approaches may be proposed, including those that more effectively engage the audience.

Please provide the names, email addresses, titles and affiliations of the session participants with descriptions of what they intend to cover.

The above discussion can range from 300 to 2000 words, approximately.

Conference Registration and Accommodation

Information on hotel and conference registration will be available on the [ISGT website](#).

Conference Organizing Committee

- Conference Chair: Michael Pesin, DOE
- Technical Program Chair: Gerald FitzPatrick, NIST
- Publications Chair: Julio Romero-Agüero, Quanta Technology

Important Dates

- Submission Deadline for Panel Session Proposals: **September 30, 2018 (at 11:59 PM EST)**
- Notification of Panel Session Acceptance: **October 31, 2018**
- Deadline for Uploading Panel Presentations to ISGT 2019 Website: **January 31, 2019**

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