

Balkan Event in the Information, Communication and Energy Systems and Technologies - ICEST 2017

Let's start with brief ICEST history: The ICEST Conference appears to succeed a series of conferences started from 1963 at the Technical University of Sofia under the name "Day of the Radio". In 1977, the name of the Conference was changed into "Communication, Electronic and Computer Systems". Since 2000, it has become an international conference under the name EIST (Energy and Information Systems and Technologies). The first two EIST Conferences were organized by the Faculty of Communications and Communication Technologies, Sofia and the Faculty of Technical Sciences, Bitola. In 2002, the Faculty of Electronic Engineering, Niš joined successfully the Conference organizers. Once again, the Conference changed its name becoming ICEST (International Scientific Conference on Information Communication and Energy Systems and Technologies).

This year, for the sixth time, Conference ICEST is hosted in Niš. The Faculty of Electronic Engineering was the host of this respectful international Conference. The 52nd International Scientific Conference on Information, Communication and Energy Systems and Technologies - ICEST 2017 was held on June 28-30, 2017. As to the earlier ICEST Conferences, this Balkan event was jointly organized by the Faculty of Electronic Engineering, Niš, Serbia; the Faculty of Telecommunications, Sofia, Bulgaria, and by the Faculty of Technical Sciences, Bitola, Macedonia. The conference was organized in cooperation with Innovation Centre of Advanced Technologies (ICAT), Academy of Engineering Sciences of Serbia, Serbia and Montenegro IEEE Section, and ETRAN Society, and under auspices of Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of Republic of Serbia.

This Balkan Conference consists of three days full of events, including plenary lecture, technical paper presentations (oral and posters), as well as a full set of social events.

The ICEST 2017 conference officially starts with the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, June 28. After a welcome speech of Prof. Bratislav Milovanović, the general chair of the conference, the participants and numerous guests were addressed by Prof. Kalin Dimitrov and Prof. Cvetko Mitrovski, the conference vice chairs, Prof. Vera Marković, Chair of the IEEE Serbia and Montenegro Section, and Prof. Nebojša Dončov, the vice-dean of the Faculty of Electronic Engineering. After the Conference opening one plenary lecture "Niš - The Town of Advanced Technologies" was given by Prof. Dr. Goran S. Đorđević, assistant mayor of the City of Niš for the field of science and advanced technology.



Prof. Vera Marković



Prof. Goran S. Djordjević

As to the earlier ICEST conferences, many authors from institutions all over the Europe submitted their papers. ICEST 2017 Conference is one of the top annual Balkan events with more than 100 papers presented each year. As each year, the peer review process was performed. Papers were evaluated on the basis of originality, content, clarity, and relevance to this event. This year, according to International Reviewer Board decision 105 papers have been selected for presentation, between them 42 papers were presented in oral sessions and 63 papers are presented as poster presentations. In total, there was the same number of oral (6) and poster (6) sessions. The authors of the best papers in the specific sessions, selected by session chairs, will be invited to submit the expanded versions of their papers to the respected national/international journals.



Collage of images of poster sessions



Radio Communications, Microwaves and Antennas session (chairs and speaker)

A social program of the Conference, rich in events, provided more relaxing atmosphere for meeting the colleagues from all over Europe and beyond. At the second conference day, Thursday, June 29, 2017, a sightseeing tour was organized. ICEST participants had the opportunity to visit cultural-historical, monastery's and spa sites near Niš. They have visited Russian church „The Holy Trinity“ in Gornji Adrovac, Monastery "Saint Roman" in Djunis and Monastery Djunis with church "Shroud of the Holy Virgin", as well as the historical, health and spa center Royal spa in Ribarska Banja. The conference dinner was organized at the end of that day. National cuisine, live music, and, most importantly, cheerful guests made the evening memorable.



Sightseeing



Conference dinner



We would like to thank to all of the authors, members of the Technical Program Committee and Organizing Committee, reviewers, generous sponsors, and all the others who integrated efforts in organization and in the Conference itself. We believe that we all together achieved a great success with all activities and made this respectful Conference better year after year.

Be a part of the next event in the Information, Communication and Energy Systems and Technologies - ICEST 2018!

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