

# PHD FORUM CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

## SoftCOM 2020

### VENUE

**SoftCOM 2020**, Amfora Hvar Grand Beach Resort, Hvar, Croatia

### FORMAT

**Extended abstract** (short paper)  
**2-minute "Pitch talk"** presentations + poster session

### IMPORTANT DATES

**July 31, 2020**: Extended Abstracts, Due

**Sept. 1, 2020**: Notification of Acceptance

**Sept. 9, 2020**: Final Camera-Ready Abstracts, Due

**Sept. 18, 2020**: PhD Forum Session

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SoftCOM 2020 conference will host a PhD Forum on **Friday, September 18, 2020**. The PhD Forum will take place at the SoftCOM 2020 conference venue - Amfora Hvar Grand Beach Resort, Hvar, Croatia or online in case of virtual conference.

The PhD Forum provides an opportunity for doctoral students to present their work related to the SoftCOM 2020 conference topics to a wider community of researchers from academia and industry. The forum aims to encourage interaction and networking among doctoral students, as well as with the audience.

### INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Doctoral students are invited to submit a **two-page extended abstract** for review and possible inclusion in the PhD Forum program. The abstracts should be formatted according to the SoftCOM 2020 paper submission instructions but limited to two pages in total, and submitted electronically before the submission deadline, via EDAS. The extended abstract should contain the title, the names and affiliations of the student and her/his advisor(s), the summary of research goals/results (of maximum 150 words), the research topic presentation, graphical illustrations to aid the presentation, and the list of references.

The authors of accepted submissions will be asked to prepare a **poster**, to be personally presented by the doctoral student at the Forum. The poster should be formatted according to the template and printed on standard A1 size paper (594 x 841 mm, portrait orientation).

The PhD Forum will be organized as a poster session, preceded by a fast-paced introduction by each student that offers a preview of the posters. Each student will be given a strictly-timed **2-minutes'** slot to present a **"pitch talk"** about her/his research. The purpose of the pitch talk is to provide a brief outline of one's doctoral research work, with the goal to raise awareness and generate further discussion over the poster session and coffee break that follow.

All posters will be exhibited in the conference area during the entire SoftCOM 2020 conference.

### REVIEW PROCESS

To keep within the time limits of PhD Forum as a whole, the number of PhD presentations/posters will be limited to 20. All submissions will be reviewed by the PhD Forum Program & Organizing Committee based on relevance to the conference, innovativeness, and quality of presentation. All accepted and presented submissions will be included in the **Book of Abstracts of the SoftCOM 2020 PhD Forum**, to be published after the conference.

### REGISTRATION

For authors of accepted presentations/posters, the **PhD Forum registration fee is 100 EUR** and it includes: 1) PhD Forum participation; 2) Book of Abstracts (electronic version); 3) access to other SoftCOM 2020 conference sessions; 4) coffee breaks; conference luncheons; 6) accommodation.