



TNC17

THE LEADING
NETWORKING CONFERENCE
FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

29 May - 2 June 2017, Linz, Austria

An aerial photograph of Linz, Austria, showing a wide river (Danube) flowing through the city. The city is built on a hillside, with a mix of residential and commercial buildings. The surrounding landscape is green and hilly under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

**First Announcement
and Call for Proposals**

THE ART OF CREATIVE NETWORKING

DEADLINES

Single presentation & full session proposals
Midnight CET, 30 November 2016

Lightning talks, posters, full papers
Midnight CEST, 17 April 2017

Meeting proposals
Midnight CET, 15 January 2017

» **SUBMIT:** tnc17.geant.org/core/submit

THE ART OF CREATIVE NETWORKING

It is my pleasure to invite you to Europe's foremost research networking conference, TNC17, which is to be held in Linz, Austria on 29 May - 2 June 2017. The 2017 edition of TNC will be hosted by the Austrian Academic Computer Network (ACOnet).

Linz is home of the famous Ars Electronica festival for art, technology and society since 1979 and, since 2014, is one of the UNESCO Cities of Media Arts. This connection to the arts is why we have selected the theme of creative networking for TNC17. Networking is much more than just the physical network and the work of the NREN community has expanded over the years to provide innovative services across society, serving all scientific disciplines. Our communities are not only using the network to be creative and support creative arts, but also have to be creative in the way technologies are deployed. Technical innovation can often move faster than society, but the constant changes provide opportunities for inventive, resourceful and visionary solutions.

TNC17 will address creativity across many different themes including quantum technology, uses of big data, moving beyond traditional networking and the impact of innovation on life. We will look at ways in which creative solutions have been found to practical needs as well as the many ways in which technology has advanced our enjoyment and understanding of the arts.

With the TNC17 Call for Proposals we invite you to be creative:

- How is the networking community serving and working with arts and humanities / creative communities?
- How are we using creativity to provide smart networking in challenging environments?
- How do we balance creativity and security?
- Networking for disruption: is disruptive innovation a benefit or hindrance?
- Permission to fail: have you tried out a theory or a new solution and it didn't work. Why? Are you willing to share?

Supporting people's ideas is at the heart of ACOnet's work. With over 200 connected institutions the Austrian network for science, research, education and culture is the perfect host for a week of creative brain picking at TNC17. We look forward to welcoming participants to Linz!

On behalf of the TNC17 Programme Committee,



Christian Panigl (ACOnet)
TNC17 Programme Committee Chair



TNC17 Conference venue
The Design Center in Linz

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

When making a submission you can choose to submit either a **full session** proposal (90 minutes) or a **single presentation** proposal (25 minutes). When submitting a full session proposal you should include as much detail as possible about the session and its structure (panel, presentations, moderated discussions, including speaker names if possible...etc.).

You can also indicate whether you are interested in submitting a full written paper based on your presentation. If a submission is accepted into the conference programme then the full paper will be considered for publication after the conference.

All submissions should be on subjects relevant to the spirit and objectives of the conference: to present, discuss and learn about the latest developments in networking technology and its uses in the research and education community. The topics described above are an indication of the scope of the conference, but are not meant to be restrictive.

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All proposals must be submitted in English,
the official language of the conference.

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Deadline - midnight CET, 30 November 2016

FULL SESSION PROPOSALS (90 minutes)

Proposals should be about 1200 words (two A4 pages).

Session proposals must include: title, proposer names and their affiliations, five keywords, session format, objectives, target audience, proposed speakers, speakers' biographies.

SINGLE PRESENTATION PROPOSALS (25 minutes)

Abstracts should be about 1200 words (two A4 pages). These may include future work that is expected to produce results in the first half of 2017. Abstracts should clearly indicate what work has already been done and what still has to take place.

Abstract proposals must include: title, author names and affiliations, five keywords, speaker names (if different from the author) and their affiliations, speaker's biographies.

Guidance about abstract and session submissions can be found at:

tnc17.geant.org/web/participate/guidelines

Deadline - midnight CET, 15 January 2017

MEETING PROPOSALS

At TNC17, spaces are available for working groups, BoFs, meetings and workshops on Monday 29 May and Friday 2 June. Meeting proposals should include: title, proposer names and affiliations, five keywords, meeting format, technical requirements, short introduction, intended audience.

Please submit your proposal via: tnc17.geant.org/meeting-submission

The Programme Committee will decide which meeting requests can be accepted and all submitters will be notified at the end of January 2017.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations and exhibits will be possible throughout the conference in the exhibition area. Interested companies or projects wishing to participate, please submit your proposal via: tnc17.geant.org/demo-submission

SPONSORSHIP

For information about sponsorship opportunities, please visit the website:

tnc17.geant.org/sponsorship

Deadline - midnight CEST, 17 April 2017

LIGHTNING TALKS (5 minutes)

These talks focus on one key point. This can be an idea, successful project, a cautionary story, collaboration invitation, quick tip or demonstration. This is an opportunity for ideas to get the attention they deserve.

Lightning talk proposals must include: title, author name and short biography, five keywords, and a short description of the planned talk. Please indicate on your abstract whether you would be willing to have your proposal considered as a poster if it is not accepted as a lightning talk.

Deadline - midnight CEST, 17 April 2017

POSTERS (authors required to be available to discuss their posters during p.m. coffee breaks)

Poster proposals may include future work that is expected to produce results in the first half of 2017. Abstracts should clearly indicate what work has already been done and what still has to take place.

Poster submissions must include: poster title, name(s) and affiliation(s) of any author(s), lead author contact information, presenter name (if different from the submitting author); an abstract (max. 2 pages of A4) describing the content of the poster. A draft poster may also be submitted to support the abstract. Please indicate on your abstract whether you would be willing to have your proposal considered as a lightning talk if it is not accepted as a poster.

FULL PAPERS

Authors of abstracts selected to be presented at the conference, and all invited speakers, have the possibility to submit a full paper for review. Around twelve will be selected for online publication as conference proceedings. Please indicate on your abstract whether you are willing to prepare a full paper.

PROCEEDINGS

Around ten to twelve papers from TNC17 will be selected by the Programme Committee and published online as conference proceedings under a registered ISBN number in the autumn after the conference.

Speakers, lightning talk presenters and session chairs are entitled to a discount on the conference registration fee.

BENEFITS FOR SPEAKERS AND SESSION CHAIRS

Session chairs, session speakers and lightning talk presenters will be invited to a closed reception on the evening of Monday 29 May.

IMPORTANT

All speakers, lightning talk presenters and session chairs are responsible for registering for the conference well in advance, paying the discounted registration fee, and organising and paying for their own travel and lodging.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TNC17 is a **5-day event**, starting with meetings on Monday 29 May and finishing on Friday 2 June 2017. The full conference registration fee includes attendance on all **5 days**. The opening plenary will commence on Tuesday 30 May at 11:00, followed by parallel sessions. The closing plenary will be held on Thursday 1 June 2017, followed by the gala dinner.

The Opening reception will be held on Tuesday 30 May at 20:00, and the Gala dinner on Thursday, 1 June 2017 at 20:00.

Full details of the sessions, presentations, speakers, side meetings and demonstrations will be available at: tnc17.geant.org/core/schedule/list

REGISTRATION OPENS Monday 5 December 2016

Online registration will be available at:
tnc17.geant.org/web/participate/register

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Notification of acceptance of proposals: 1 February 2017
Preliminary presentation slides due: 1 May 2017

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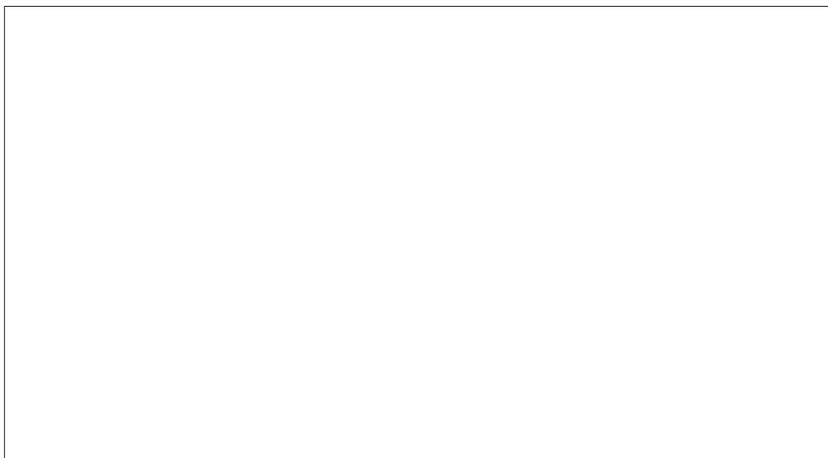
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