



CALL FOR PROPOSAL OF SESSIONS

The GASS 2021 is open to **session proposals from any scientists worldwide** to be included in the scientific program. The requirements and recommendations for a successful proposal are as follows:

- Any topic related to one or several scientific areas of URSI Commissions is eligible. In order to avoid duplication of sessions organized by the Commissions, proponents are **warned that the scientific committee reserves the possibility to merge a proposal with another similar session**
- The proposal of “multi-disciplinary” topics (i.e. typically addressing the scopes of at least two commissions) is **possible and even encouraged**
- The proposal of session **topics of particular novelty**, either in terms of basic science, of technology or of application importance, is encouraged
- Sessions can be proposed including 4, 5 or 6 papers, or in exceptional cases twice such numbers
- The proposal should contain the names of up to two proponents, their affiliations with a brief CV related to the session topic, a description of the session focus **and a set of intended speakers**. Among these, one at most can be invited and the others will be contributed, per session slots of 4-6 papers. It is up to the proponents to provide names and topics agreed with the potential authors
- Up to one paper from each proponent’s institution (or with a proponent as co-author) can be part of the session, excluding an invited one
- It is warmly recommended that **proponents as well as speakers be from different countries/continents**
- Proposing a session implies a guarantee that at least one of the proponents will be able to attend and chair the session. It is up to the proponents to agree if both or only one of them will attend. In case of a single proponent, it is implicit that he will be able to chair the session

Furthermore, it is understood that:

- The final status of an accepted session will depend on the status of the relevant papers (submitted, accepted). The scientific committee of the GASS 2021 may complement an unfilled session by other accepted submissions
- All papers submitted for inclusion in the proposed session (if accepted) will go through the regular review process of all GASS 2021 papers
- Proponents of sessions and invited authors cannot claim any financial support from GASS 2021. Templates of solicitation / invitation letters for potential speakers will be provided to proponents of accepted sessions, which they can freely use.

The scopes of URSI commissions can be found here: <http://www.ursi.org/commissions.php>

The proposal should use the template available from the web site and be sent to: spc@ursi2021.org

Important Deadlines: Session proposals: **October 31, 2020**

Notification of session acceptance: **December 15, 2020**

Paper submission closing: **January 31, 2021**

Notification of paper acceptance: **March 15, 2021**