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CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2026 American Control Conference (ACC) will be held Tuesday through Friday, May 26-29, 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. New Orleans is an ideal conference location due to its vibrant culture, historic venues, and exceptional cuisine. The city's lively atmosphere and unique traditions, such as jazz music and Mardi Gras, add to the overall appeal, while its diverse culinary scene and entertainment options provide a memorable experience for attendees. Exciting social events, featuring live music, will take place at wonderful venues, including an evening banquet at the Audubon Aquarium and a closing reception at the unique and renowned Mardi Gras World.

ACC is the annual conference of the American Automatic Control Council (AACC), the U.S. national member organization of the International Federation for Automatic Control (IFAC). National and international society co-sponsors of ACC include the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), IEEE Control Systems Society (IEEE-CSS), Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS), International Society of Automation (ISA), Society for Modeling & Simulation International (SCS), and Society for Industrial & Applied Mathematics (SIAM).

The 2026 ACC technical program will comprise several types of presentations in regular and invited sessions, tutorial sessions, and special sessions along with workshops and exhibits. For contributed and invited papers, authors will have the option to present to a larger audience in a rapid-interactive (RI) format. Submissions are encouraged in all areas of the theory and practice of automatic control.

Contributed Papers: ACC Papers are invited in the form of regular manuscripts (allotted 6 proceedings pages and up to 8 pages with additional page charge). Submissions to L-CSS have the option for presentation at ACC (note: L-CSS papers have a strict 6 page limit). Papers must conform to the submission policies, detailed on the conference and journal web pages. All manuscripts should be written in English, be in 2-column format, and meet strict page limits.

Invited Sessions: Invited sessions consist of 6 papers presenting a unifying theme from diverse perspectives. Proposals must include a list of potential papers and clearly describe the motivation and relevance of the session. A full version of each paper in the invited session must be submitted by the manuscript deadline and will be reviewed independently. Specific details on the submission process are on the conference website.

Tutorial Sessions: Tutorial sessions are a special category of invited sessions organized to provide an introduction to a topic of interest. The format is structured around a main tutorial paper (up to 18 pages) and talk (60 minutes) to bring the participants up to speed, followed by three presentations (with or without papers of up to 6 pages each) to give a picture of the state of the art. Tutorial sessions involving strong industry and academic collaboration are highly encouraged.

Special Sessions: Special sessions offer a venue for creating awareness of, and providing exposure to emerging research areas, research and funding opportunities, and other topics of broad interest to attendees. History and industry-sponsored sessions also fall into this category.

Workshops: Workshops to be held prior to the conference are solicited on all related topics. Proposals for workshops addressing novel control methodologies and nonstandard control applications, as well as workshops with strong tutorial value are encouraged.

Exhibits: Exhibitors are invited to showcase, demonstrate and market control-related publications, software tools, educational products, services, and jobs. Exhibits are open throughout the conference to all attendees of the ACC. All papers and session and workshop proposals must be submitted through the conference submission website. Submissions must conform to the policy found at the conference website: http://acc2026.a2c2.org/

IMPORTANT DATES

L-CSS SUBMISSION SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 ACC MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 ACCEPTANCE-REJECTION NOTIFICATION JANUARY 23, 2026 FINAL
MANUSCRIPTS DUE
MARCH 13, 2026