

## **GLOBECOM 2017 TPC Chairs' Welcome Message**

For the first time since 1995, IEEE GLOBECOM is being held in Singapore in 2017. Singapore has changed tremendously in the intervening 22 years, and so has research in communications systems and networks. To those of us of a certain age, this is obvious with a casual glance at the technical session titles – Cloud and Distributed Computing, Security and Anomaly Detection, Stochastic Geometry Modeling, Energy Harvesting Communications, and many other topics did not exist 22 years ago. Such major shifts in research interests within the community are a healthy sign of its dynamism and energy, and should be embraced.

We received a total of 2,630 technical papers submitted to the technical symposia and the Selected Areas in Communications tracks. Of these, 1,026 were eventually accepted for either oral or interactive poster presentations, an acceptance rate of 39%. The technical sessions will take place over three days, December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>, with 18 oral presentation sessions taking place in parallel and a total of 162 oral sessions. There will be one interactive poster session held in parallel with the 18 oral sessions, and a total of 18 interactive poster sessions of 45 minutes' duration each. Seventeen workshops will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>, for which a total of 444 papers were submitted and 200 were accepted for presentation. In addition, 53 tutorial proposals were received, and 24 were accepted.

We are also privileged to have several distinguished keynote speakers from government, industry and academia in GLOBECOM 2017. Professor Teck Seng Low of the National Research Foundation of Singapore, Murthy Renduchintala of Intel, James Kimery of National Instruments, Wen Tong of Huawei, Professor John Cioffi of Stanford and Professor Xiaohu You of Southeast University, China, represent a diverse range of organizations and cultural backgrounds, as befits the vibrant multi-cultural country of Singapore.

Welcome to GLOBECOM 2017 and Singapore, and we wish you a productive and enjoyable conference!