

Invited vs Contributed Speakers

As has occurred in the past, invited speakers will be identified in the ICTAM 2016 program that is now being finalized. To avoid confusion, we want to remind you of the important distinction between “invited” and “contributed” talks.

- Each Mini-symposium was allowed 4 invited speakers, all of whom have been scheduled to present on Monday, August 22, between 10:20 and 12:20. Additional contributed MS talks will be presented throughout the remainder of the week, and were selected through the Call for Papers review process which took place between September 2015 and January 2016.
- Each Thematic Session was allowed a maximum of 4 invited speakers, with additional contributed speakers having been selected through the Call for Papers. These talks begin on Monday afternoon and continue throughout the week. The invited Thematic Session talks are also distributed throughout the week.

In both mini-symposia and thematic sessions, contributed papers were subject to a rigorous review process while invited papers were not. However, chairs may have informally invited their colleagues to submit a paper for consideration. Regrettably, this simple turn of phrase in a language that is often not the mother tongue of either the chair or the author has led to misunderstanding. Furthermore, some invited speakers have withdrawn their papers, leading to replacements. Session chairs for these sessions will be contacted to validate our understanding of who they have identified as being invited speakers.

We hope that this provides some clarification to the program.

Thank you.