

CALL FOR Work-in-Progress Papers



17th APCA International Conference on Automatic Control and Soft Computing

The biennial 17th APCA International Conference on Automatic Control and Soft Computing (CONTROLO 2026) will host an unforgettable meeting with the community engaged in presenting the latest developments in the fields of control, automation, robotics and soft computing. Its 2026 edition will be held in Coimbra, Portugal.



Work-in-Progress Papers

The CONTROLO 2026 Conference invites submissions to the **Work-in-Progress** (WiP) track, providing a platform for researchers, professionals, and students to present and discuss ongoing research, emerging ideas, and preliminary results in the broad field of control systems and related areas.

The WiP papers offer an excellent opportunity to share innovative concepts and early-stage developments with the community, receive feedback, and foster collaborations. This track is particularly suited for:

- ☐ Novel and promising research that is still in progress.
- ☐ Preliminary results or early experimental findings.
- ☐ Innovative ideas, open problems, or new research directions.
- ☐ Ongoing projects with significant potential impact.
- ☐ Presentation of collaborative R&D projects involving industry partners.

Submissions should describe original and unpublished work that is not yet mature enough for a full paper but is of clear interest to the conference audience.

Presentation Format

WiP papers contributors are expected to give a short presentation of their work and to prepare a poster allowing authors to interact closely with attendees and discuss their work in an informal setting.

Topics of Interest

The WiP submissions are welcome in all topics covered by CONTROLO 2026 [here](#).

WiP papers are not fully peer reviewed (they will be checked for fitness and appropriateness with the conference), and hence won't be included in the IEEE proceedings and therefore will not be published. The WiP papers will be distributed to all conference participants.

Any questions should be directed to the WiP Chairs controlo2026@apca.pt.

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Important Dates

Submission Deadline

22 June 2026

Notification of Acceptance

30 June 2026

Final Submission

15 July 2026

Registration

July 1, 2026 –
September 9, 2026

Conference

September 9 – 11, 2026

Contact/Information

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