Call for Papers: ICRAT 2020

Following the success of its eight previous editions, the United States Federal Aviation Administration and EUROCONTROL are jointly organizing the 9th edition of the International Conference on Research in Air Transportation (ICRAT), which is to be held June 23-26, 2020 at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida, USA.

ICRAT is an established path-finding event in Air Transportation Research, alternating timely with the USA/Europe Air Traffic Management (ATM) Research and Development (R&D) Seminar. ICRAT is a forum particularly encouraging young researchers (and their mentors) within air transportation to share their work, expand their professional network, practice scientific dissemination, gain new inspiration, and discover the new challenges confronting society and the market to improve mobility in a time of critical ecological debates especially on the air transport system for citizens and goods.

Submissions by researchers are solicited on a wide range of topics describing theoretical results and innovative applications in air transportation including but not limited to the following conference topics:

- Advanced modeling and design methodologies, including network, human-machine interaction and trajectory operations models
- Airline operations and quality of service
- Airport design, management and operations
- Air transportation governance, economics and policy
- Air transportation system performance measurement and management
- Automation strategies and application of successful automation techniques from other domains to air transportation
- Decision support systems and human-machine collaboration
- Environment and energy efficiency, climate change and impact
- Information management, enhanced communication, surveillance and navigation
- Integration of high altitude and commercial space activities into air traffic management
- Network management, traffic flow optimization, system resilience and crisis management
- Drones and highly automated air vehicle integration
- Safety, human performance and security
- Socio-technical complexity and applications of data science in aviation
- Trajectory optimization, trajectory and separation management

Papers should clearly state the objectives, approach, methodology and results of the research, and should draw conclusions that demonstrate the interest of the work.
Technical Papers submission instructions

Authors are invited to submit (online) their full papers (maximum 8 pages), written in English, presenting the results of research, or of innovative practical applications relevant to the conference topics.


Authors must register and log in to the conference paper submission page at https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=icrat2020 in order to submit their paper.

All papers will be cross reviewed by the conference program committee for their originality, relevance and clarity. Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. Winners of the best paper awards are eligible for submission to a special issue of an archival journal.

Doctoral Symposium for Early Stage Research

In addition, ICRAT 2020 will conduct a Doctoral Symposium for students in early stages of their research, providing a supportive yet questioning setting in which graduate students can present their work. It is an opportunity for students preparing a Ph.D. thesis in topics listed above to receive constructive feedback from experienced members of the research community. It is acceptable to present research that is only in a proposal stage, to take full advantage of the guidance from the conference attendees.

Ph.D. students interested in the ICRAT 2020 Doctoral Symposium are invited to submit (online) their doctoral papers (up to 4 pages) written in English, presenting the research, approach and early results.


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Financial Support

Financial support for participating in this conference is available from the FAA and Eurocontrol to a limited number of selected students from universities in the U.S. and Europe. Students will have the opportunity to apply for this support once final papers have been accepted.

Conference Website

The Conference website, http://www.icrat.org/, contains information about past ICRAT conferences and will be updated with information regarding ICRAT 2020, including final submission instructions, important dates, and instructions for financial support applications.