

## **Instructions to ISNN 2011 Special Session Organizers**

The ISNN 2011 technical program will include special sessions. Their aim is to provide a complementary flavor to the regular sessions and should include topics of interest to the neural networks community that may also go beyond disciplines traditionally represented at ISNN. Prospective organizers of special sessions should submit proposals indicating:

- (1) title of the session;
- (2) rationale of the need for the special session at ISNN. The rationale should stress the novelty of the topic and/or its multidisciplinary flavor, and must explain how it is different from the subjects covered by the regular sessions;
- (3) short biography of the organizers;
- (4) list of 5-6 contributed papers (including titles, authors, contact information of the corresponding author).

Proposals are due on or before 1 November 2010 and should be sent via e-mail (in either pdf or plain ascii text form) to the Special Sessions chairs, Jinhua Lu (jhlu@iss.ac.cn) and Stefano Squartini (s.squartini@univpm.it). Proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness of the topic, the qualifications of the organizers and the authors of the papers proposed in the session. Sessions in which three or more papers are authorized by the same person, or by scientists from the same group will not be accepted. In its decision, the committee will try to realize a balance of the topics across the technical areas represented in neural networks.

Notification of acceptance will be sent to the organizers by 7 November 2010. Authors of papers included in successful proposals should submit a manuscript on or before 1 December 2010. Manuscripts should conform to the formatting and electronic submission guidelines of regular ISNN papers. When they submit papers, there is a choice to indicate that their papers are special session papers. All papers will undergo peer review. It is the responsibility of the organizers to ensure that their Special Session meets the ISNN quality standards. If, at the end of the review process, less than four (4) papers are accepted, the session will be cancelled and the accepted papers will be moved to regular sessions.