The IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society’s 2017 International Microwave Symposium (IMS2017) will be held 4-9 June 2017 at the Hawai’i Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawai’i as the centerpiece of Microwave Week 2017. IMS2017 offers technical sessions, interactive forums, plenary and panel sessions, workshops, short courses, industrial exhibits, application seminars, historical exhibits, and a wide variety of other technical and social activities including a guest program. As usual, the Microwave Week 2017 technical program also comprises the RFIC Symposium (www.rfic-ieee.org) and the ARFTG Conference (www.arftg.org).

Panel and Rump Sessions will be an integral part of the IMS2017 technical program. Proposals for Panel and Rump Sessions on topics in the RF/microwave area which are particularly timely or controversial are encouraged, as are topics which are particularly relevant to the symposium’s Hawai’i and Asia-Pacific venue.

Panel Sessions are one hour and twenty minutes long, typically held during lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Examples of Panel Sessions at previous symposia include:

- Patents – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
- Leadership: How to Inspire Change
- Millimeter Waves – A Gateway to the Future
- Are S-Parameters Dying?
- Software-Defined Radios – Facts and Fantasies
- Commercial Viability of RF-MEMS: A Reality or a Dream?
- Using Amateur Radio to Enhance Engineering Education
- Doing Business in China
- Next Grand Challenges in Microwave, RFIC, Sensors, and Communications
- Wearable Electronics – Is it a Fad or the Future of Electronics?
- Silicon at THz Frequencies: A Reality or a Dream?
- The Internet of Space – Technological and Economic Challenges for the Future Space-Based Internet
- Microwave R&D Funding Policy & Trends
- Metamaterials: A Rich Opportunity for Discovery or Over-Hyped Gravy Train?
- The Discovery of Gravity Waves Amidst the Noise

Rump Sessions are typically several hours long and are typically held Tuesday evening. Examples of Rump Sessions at previous symposia include:

- The Discovery of Gravity Waves Amidst the Noise
- Metamaterials: A Rich Opportunity for Discovery or Over-Hyped Gravy Train?
- The Discovery of Gravity Waves Amidst the Noise

Panel and Rump Session Proposal Submission: If you are interested in submitting a Panel or Rump Session proposal, please see the detailed Panel and Rump Session proposal submission instructions posted on www.ims2017.org.

The Panel and Rump Session proposal submission deadline is 6 September 2016 (Tuesday).

Contact Information: Please submit any suggestions or questions (not proposals) to ims2017.panels@gmail.com.