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The CNSR conference becomes an international meeting for communication and services scientists and researchers. It attracts experts from around the world, this year we received submissions from; North America, Brasil, China, Australia, Iran, India, Pakistan, France, United Kingdom, Morocco, etc. We are glad to present an outstanding program of tutorials, technical program and keynotes covering a broad range of topics including wireless networks, quality of service, sensor networks, coding, video networking and broadband access, security, and hardware design.

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