

# VEHICULAR 2026

## Forward

The Fifteenth International Conference on Advances in Vehicular Systems, Technologies and Applications (VEHICULAR 2026), held between March 8-th, 2026 and March 12-th, 2026 in Valencia, Spain, continued a series of international events on considering state-of-the-art technologies for information dissemination in vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure and focusing on advances in vehicular systems, technologies, and applications.

Mobility brought new dimensions to communication and networking systems, making possible new applications and services in vehicular systems. Wireless networking and communication between vehicles and infrastructure have specific characteristics from other conventional wireless networking systems and applications (rapidly changing topology, specific road direction of vehicle movements, etc.). These led to specific constraints and optimizations techniques; for example, power efficiency is not as important for vehicle communications as it is for traditional ad hoc networking. Additionally, vehicle applications demand strict communications performance requirements that are not present in conventional wireless networks. Services can range from time-critical safety services, traffic management, to infotainment and local advertising services. They introduce critical and subliminal information. Subliminally delivered information, unobtrusive techniques for driver's state detection, and mitigation or regulation interfaces enlarge the spectrum of challenges in vehicular systems.

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We hope that VEHICULAR 2026 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry for the promotion of progress in the field of vehicular systems, technologies, and applications.

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