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# Special Issue on Smart Cities: Crowdsourcing and M2M communication for a connected society

The urbanization of cities is increasing, and nowadays about 54 percent of the world's population lives in cities. By the year of 2025, this number will be around 70 percent. In big cities, this will put a lot more pressure on streets and traffic control. There is a growing importance of Information and Communication Technologies in profiling the competitiveness of cities. There is extensive ongoing research in a wide range of enabling information and communication technologies, including cloud and network infrastructure, wireless and sensing technologies, mobile crowdsourcing, social networking, and big data analytics for smart cities. The next step for the smart city is the automated city – one that is predictive and responsive without human intervention. Such a city could avoid traffic congestion before it occurs and distribute resources, such as emergency services and maintenance, without time-consuming human decision-making. In this Special Issue we will catch up with the latest research and product developments, measurement methods, application scenarios and concept studies.

Our journal is calling for original and unpublished contributions to this important area that will be peer-reviewed. Selected papers will appear in a Special Issue to be published in September of 2015. Original and unpublished papers should be submitted by 15th of July, and by 30th of September in the form of pdf files in IEEE format according to the formatting instructions available at

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Contributions are expected from the following areas:

- Mobile crowdsourcing for urban analytics
- Sensing and IoT for smart cities
- ICT in road vehicles: on-board and connected car services
- Safety, security, and privacy for smart cities
- Crisis and disaster management in a smart city
- Human mobility modeling and analytics
- Senseable city networks
- Mobile crowdsourcing applications
- M2M communications architectures and middleware

The paper submission deadline is 31 July, 2015.

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