

**Call for Papers:**  
**Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics Part A**  
**Special Issue on Collaboration Support Systems**

Collaboration is a widely applied style to collect a group of people's intelligence. Collaboration support systems serve as an important memory for the group. Ideally, such a system should evolve to become a knowledge base for the collaborators and for those who will use the results of the collaboration. How does one provide effective software structures and tools that will support a large group of people in their work, i.e., assembling, making use of, extracting and working with extensive collections of ideas and multi-media information? This question is still to be solved.

The aim of this special issue is to make the point of the situation and to evaluate the state of the art in the field. Possible submissions should relate to both innovative proposals and global views of well-established systems/approaches not published elsewhere. Papers should present approaches relying on computational or mathematical models, and/or be supported by empirical evaluations.

This call for papers will be distributed by means of mailing lists, a web site, flyers at relevant conferences and personal contacts of the guest editors.

Each submission will be reviewed by three referees. The referees will be recruited among the constituent IEEE Technical Committee members for Collaborative Intelligent Systems, the program committee members of related conferences, and other experienced colleagues.

This special issue solicits, but is not limited to, papers on topics that clearly address collaboration support systems, including:

- Human requirements for collaboration on distributed computer systems;
- Organizational behaviors on collaboration support systems;
- Formal and abstract models for collaboration support systems;
- Role and group structures on collaboration support systems;
- Objects and agents in collaboration support systems;
- Multi-user interface design for collaboration support systems;
- Analysis and evaluations of collaboration support systems;
- Security and privacy issues in collaboration support systems;
- Information sharing in collaboration support systems;
- Software engineering for collaboration support systems; and
- Industry and enterprise application case study.

**Important Dates**

- October 3, 2005 Submission deadline
- March 2, 2006 responses to the authors
- July 1, 2006 final papers due
- November 2006 expected publication

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