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Here below some information on the Kaleidoscope 2014.

Kaleidoscope is a forum for universities, industry and research institutions of different fields, promoting the sharing of knowledge and identification of emerging ICT developments. [ITU Kaleidoscope 2014](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/academia/kaleidoscope/2014/Pages/default.aspx) “Living in a converged world – impossible without standards?” is the sixth in the series of Kaleidoscope conferences and will take place in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 3-5 June 2014.

Kaleidoscope 2014 is organized by the ITU-T and technically co-sponsored by [Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)](http://www.ieee.org/index.html), the [Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers of Japan (IEICE)](http://www.ieice.org/eng/index.html), and the Popov Society of the Russian Federation, and will be held at the invitation of the Russian Federation’s Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications.

The Technical Programme Committee of more than 100 international experts selected 34 papers from the 98 submissions received from 39 countries, on the basis of double-blind reviews. The selected papers will be presented at the conference and published in the Kaleidoscope Proceedings and IEEE XPlore. A prize fund totalling $10,000, kindly offered by SES (Luxembourg), will be awarded to the three best papers. Noteworthy papers will be considered for publication in the IEEE Communications Magazine.

Kaleidoscope 2014 will highlight the need for future standards for ICT services and applications to take into account aspects of socio-economic, cultural, ethical, legal and sustainable-development policy. The event will also pinpoint aspects to increase the inclusivity of the Information Society; addressing the demands of people with disabilities, and the need for standards to be accessible to people of different countries and languages.

In addition to selected papers, the [Conference Programme](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/academia/kaleidoscope/2014/Pages/programme.aspx)  will feature a speech of the Nobel Prize Winner Academician Z. Alferov, four distinguished keynote speakers, three invited papers, and the fourth Jules Verne’s corner special session. Two side events will take place the day before the conference: the “Joint ITU-IEICE-IEEE Workshop on Education about Standardization” and the 3rd meeting of the [TSB Director's Ad hoc Group on Education about Standardization](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/academia/Pages/stdsedu/default.aspx) will provide an overview of the current approach to standardization in academic curricula, fostering an exchange of ideas on how universities could increase the production of standards-minded graduates across academic disciplines.