

# THE HUMAN DIMENSION OF BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE



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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The human factor affects significantly the actual energy performance over the building life cycle. The incorporation of behavioral insights into the building design and operation is starting to be recognized as a key topic. Research efforts are therefore needed for fully integrating human dimensions in the building energy performance: data on occupant behavior have to be collected and properly elaborated; drivers and motivations have to be understood; indexes describing users comfort preferences and the impact on health and productivity have to be identified; new modeling approaches and tools need to be developed; design and operating strategies centered on occupants have to be defined. This paradigm shift, based on occupants more than on advanced systems and technologies to reduce energy costs, activates a virtuous process, where not only occupants can benefit from it but also building owners, building operators and energy managers, enhancing comfort conditions and productivity and making more cost effective and energy efficient the whole process.

The human dimension of the energy entails also facing important cultural and social issues which are still a barrier. Novel strategies and approaches that engender efficiency has to be implemented, through policies aimed at engaging and empowering people, at reducing social and gender inequalities, at fighting fuel poverty.

The conference brings together researchers, professionals and practitioners to present and discuss the latest research on this topic. On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we warmly invite you to join us in Venice.

## DEADLINES

- Deadline for abstracts submission August 30, 2018
- Abstracts acceptance notification September 15, 2018
- Submission of first round manuscripts October 30, 2018
- Completion of peer review November 15, 2018
- Final papers submission December 30, 2018

## CONGRESS RULES

- ◆ Interested authors should send an abstract of their proposed paper ( **1500 characters including spaces**) within August 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- ◆ Abstracts acceptance will be communicated within 15 September 2018
- ◆ Number of proposed topics: max 2
- ◆ Abstract sent via e-mail, fax etc. will not be accepted as well as those sent after the submittal deadline.
- ◆ Rules of the Conference for the Authors are published on AiCARR website [www.aicarr.org](http://www.aicarr.org) > *menù Convegni* > *area relatori* > *regole congressuali*

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

### Occupant Data, comfort and satisfaction

Indoor environmental parameters (thermal, visual, aural, and olfactory comfort) in the context of energy-related occupant actions and preferences  
Health, human performance and productivity in the built environment  
Ergonomics of built environment, and design of flexible spaces  
Demand based comfort, adaptive comfort

### Occupant-centric building operating strategies

Building automation systems, Internet of Things, BIM  
Controls usability and O&M of building energy systems  
Integration of advanced techniques and tools for HVAC system design and operation  
Demand-response and smart technologies for high performing buildings  
Personalised comfort

### Occupant modelling and digital tools

Tracking and Data analysis (data mining, machine learning, artificial intelligence, statistical modelling)  
Applications of occupant behaviour models in design, evaluation and operation optimization  
Time-related factors, activity profiling and occupancy patterns  
Building energy dynamic simulations, real time simulations

### Policies and social implications related to occupants and energy consumption

Engagement, exploration and empowerment strategies  
Occupants Inter- and Intra-Individual differences for reducing inequalities  
Fuel poverty

**All papers will be presented in English  
Simultaneous translation is NOT provided**