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Chen and Santón to Lead Technical Program Committee as IMPI Returns to New Orleans for 60th Annual Microwave Power Symposium in June 2026; Call for Papers Opens September 1st

August 7, 2025 - The International Microwave Power Institute (IMPI), the leading scientific organization dedicated to connecting the global microwave and RF energy community, will host the 60th Annual Microwave Power Symposium (IMPI 60) at the Westin New Orleans, from June 16-18, 2026. IMPI 60 will be led by Technical Program Chair, Dr. Jiajia Chen, of the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and Dr. Pablo Santón, of pinkRF, in the Netherlands.

The Call for Papers for IMPI 60 will open September 1, 2025. Submissions on a range of Mw/RF/Solid State categories, including Fundamentals & Modeling, Industrial Process Equipment, Food Science & Technology, Industrial Processing, and Research & Emerging Technologies, will be considered for oral and/or poster presentation, over the 3-day event.

Dr. Chen, who served as the Vice Chair of IMPI 59, alongside Dr. Ralph Bruce, officially joined IMPI's Corresponding Board in April of 2023. Chen first joined IMPI in 2012 as a Student Member, while attending the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Food Science Department of the University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Chen's research program specializes in using modeling approaches to develop innovative microwave and radiofrequency processes for food manufacturing. He shared the following,

"IMPI has played a pivotal role in my professional journey, offering meaningful opportunities to engage with a diverse and dynamic community of researchers, innovators, and industry leaders. These collaborations have significantly enriched my knowledge and perspective in the field. It is an honor to serve as the Chair of IMPI 60 and to help shape a program that reflects the spirit of innovation and collaboration that defines IMPI. I warmly invite you to submit your work and join us in New Orleans for what promises to be a vibrant and inspiring gathering of minds."

Dr. Pablo Santón has been part of the IMPI community since 2020, first as a Student Member and Symposia presenter, and more recently as an Instructor of IMPI's Modeling Short Course and a

Corresponding Board Member on IMPI's Board of Governors. He serves as the Chief Commercial Officer of pinkRF in Europe.

Situated on Canal Street and soaring above the Mississippi River, the Westin New Orleans is just steps from the famous French Quarter in New Orleans. Located twelve (12) miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport, IMPI 60 attendees will enjoy all this venue has to offer. The Westin New Orleans hotel is perched atop The Shops at Canal Place and only steps away from the boutique shops at Royal Street and eateries at Bourbon Street. The hotel features an in-house restaurant and lobby bar with stunning views, a fully equipped WestinWORKOUT® Fitness Studio offering yoga classes and Pelotons®, and 24-hour room service. The last time an IMPI Symposia took place in New Orleans was 2014 (48th IMPI Symposium).

The Call for Papers, registration, exhibition, sponsorship and hotel details will be added to the [IMPI 60 Symposium webpage](#) in the coming weeks.



From left: Dr. Jiajia Chen; Dr. Pablo Santón, Photos of the Westin New Orleans Hotel.

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