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Big Data and Smart City (ICBDSC) 2016
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- New developments in smart cities and regions
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- Sustainable computing and communications
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- Energy efficient hardware and software solutions
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Vice President and Director, Intel Labs Europe at Intel Corporation
Keynote Title: Open Innovation 2.0 and Digital Technology: the New Paradigm for Prosperity and Sustainable Intelligent Living

Prof. Latif Ladid,
Chair, IEEE ComSoc TCsub Internet of Things, Emeritus Trustee-Internet Society - ISOC, Senior Researcher @ SnT - University of Luxembourg on Multiple European Commission Next Generation Technologies - IST Projects.
Keynote Title: Impact of the New Internet Protocol Version 6 on Big Data, IoT, SDN-NFV, 5G & Smart Cities

Mr. Gilles Betsi,
Urban Life and Mobility Action Line Leader, EIT Digital; Chair, IEEE Smart Cities Initiative
Keynote Title: The EIEEE Smart Cities Initiative - Creating Value for Smart Citizens

Dr. Ali Amur Ali Al Shidhani,
Director of ICT Research, The Research Council, Sultanate of Oman
Keynote Title: Overview of Smart City Initiatives in Oman

Prof. Thomas Andersson,
Chairman of the Board, International Organisation of Knowledge Economy and Enterprise Development, Sweden
Keynote Title: Filling the potential of ICT: Smart Cities, Innovation and Engaged Citizens in the GCC

Dr. Manuel Sanromà,
Managing Director, Open Administration of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain
Keynote Title: Big Data on Smart City: towards the Improvement of the Quality of Life of the Citizens

Prof. Mahmoud Daneshmand,
Vice Chair, IEEE ComSoc TCsub Big Data; Professor of Business Intelligence & Analytics, Howe School of Technology Management; Professor, Department of Computer Science, Schafer School of Engineering & Science, Stevens Institute of Technology, USA
Keynote Title: The Big Data Stream Analytics and Smart City