Conference Coordination Subcommittee (CoCSC) — Adel M. Alimi

Overview

The CoCSC coordinates financially or technically co-sponsored conferences in the region. Currently it consists of Adel M. Alimi (Tunisia, CoCSC chair), Jan Haase (Austria, CoCSC past chair), and Pèter Nagy (Hungary).
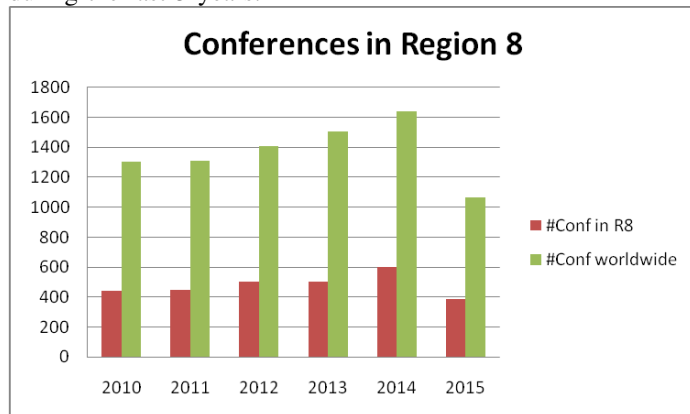
Present and Future R8 Conferences

- HISTELCON 2015, August 16-21, Tel Aviv, Israel http://www.ieeeghn.org/wiki/index.php/Histelcon
- EUROCON 2015, September 8-11, Salamanca, Spain http://eurocon2015.usal.es/
- AFRICON 2015, September 14-17, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia http://africon2015.org/
- ENERGYCON 2016, Leuven/Ghent, Benelux http://www.ieee-energycon2016.org/
- MELECON 2016, Limassol, Cyprus
- EUROCON 2017 - looking for candidates
- AFRICON 2017 - looking for candidates
- HISTELCON 2017 - looking for candidates

CoCSC sessions at R8 committee meetings

CoCSC session will be organized on Friday at R8 meeting in Limassol in March 2015.

Financially and Technically Co-sponsored Conferences in Region 8

The number of conferences sponsored by IEEE units in region 8 is increasing. The figure below shows the number of conferences during the last 5 years:

The top 7 sections organizing conferences financially or technically co-sponsored by IEEE units in region 8 on 2015 are Italy (51), France (32), UKI (30), Germany (27), Portugal (24), Spain (17), and Tunisia (17).

Conference Organizers Handbook

The CoCSC prepared a handbook (or howto) for conference organizers to be sure which steps to take and which forms to submit when and where. This handbook was created mostly by the work of Dirk van Hertem and then improved by Jan Haase. The handbook itself can be downloaded from the R8 CoCSC webpage at http://www.ieeer8.org/category/technical-activities/conference-coordination/

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Increase the paper quality at IEEE conferences organized in the region
- Increase the participation of industrials in the conferences
- Increase organizing IEEE conferences in Africa
- Select the organizers of 2017 Region 8 conferences
- Look for new R8 flagship conferences (Big Data, Cloud Computing, Gaming, etc.)
- 3 free students registrations in R8 technically co-sponsored conferences instead of the general administrative fees of $500.

Miscellaneous

- Coordinate with section's conference officers
- Organize free webinars to help conference organizers to familiarize with IEEE procedures and gain knowledge on organizing successful IEEE conferences.