

Voluntary Contribution Fund Coordinator

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Goals

The Voluntary Contribution Fund (VCF) activity can be measured by the

- 1) number of applications
- 2) number of grants
- 3) increase of the available money

Only the first measure can be raised easily.

Second point comes from third point

VCF requires more publicity.

Status and Past Contributions

In 2014

- 14 VCF requests
- 7 travel grants approved for the total of \$6,602
- 6 did not get section chair's approval
- 1 not approved due to the conference outside R8
- The budget of \$10,000 was not fully utilised

In 2015

- 19 VCF requests 2015 for the total of \$14 017
- 15 travel grants approved for the total of \$10 507
- The budget of \$10,000 has been slightly exceeded
- On average, there was 700 \$/grant

Outlook

The planned VCF's \$10,000 annual budget was slightly overspent this year. The demands are not balanced geographically, the North African region dominated the applications. In the next year we will try to achieve better balance between the less developed areas of R8 (North Africa, rest of Africa, Eastern Europe, and Middle East).

Points of Concern

The 2015 VCF expenditure was \$10 507.

The previous trends were amplified: limited number of countries from which the applications were received. In 2015 out of 19 applications, 13 were from Maghreb region, 3 from Ukraine, and one each from Russia, Serbia and UK/Bangladesh.

If two thousand R8 members donate \$10 each then the budget can be doubled. Right publicity can raise the fund. (Moderated e-mail campaign should be launched.)

Students who received VFC grants should write short reports in the R8 news.

VCF REQUESTS 2015						
VCF No	Grade	Section	Status/Notes	Approved [USD]	Requested [USD]	Conference
TS15-1	GS	Algeria	IEEE member for 1 year only Email sent 05/02/15 Waiting for section chair's approval. =ç Expired		960	2015 IEEE ICIT, Seville, Spain, March 17-19, 2015
TS15-2	M	Ukraine	Approved 05/03/2015	800	800	European Conference on Antennas and Propagation, Lisbon, Portugal, 12-17 April 2015
TS15-3	GS	Tunisia	IEEE member for 1 year only. Email sent 22/03/15 to Section Chair for confirmation of support. No feedback. 1/04/15 email sent to subsection chair. Approved 02/04/15.	750	750	ICALT'15, Valenciennes, France 20-22/05/2015
TS15-4	M	Russia	Application after the conference took place. Awaiting support of the Section Chair. 10/04/15 support received and approved.	804	804	IEEE International Conference on Industrial Technology, Seville, 17-19/03/2014
TS15-5	SM	Tunisia	Does not qualify, income 11k		1000	ICALT'15, Valenciennes, France 20-22/05/2015
TS15-6	M	Serbia	Application with the Treasurer's support after the conference took place.	630	630	ICIT 2015, Seville, Spain, March 17th - 19th 2015
TS15-7	GS	Tunisia	Second application from Tunisia to the same conference. Awaiting support of the Section Chair. Not eligible for food support. =ç not approved		550	ICALT'15, Valenciennes, France 20-22/05/2015
TS15-8	GS	UK/Bangladesh	Support from Ali Rezazadeh 27/05/15 - support from Section Chair Approved 28/05/15	1000	1000	European Microwave Week, Paris, France, September 6-11, 2015
TS15-9	GS	Tunisia	Support with the application from Ali Wali, Sfax Subsection Chair Approved 8/06/15	600	600	FUZZ_IEEE 2015, Istanbul TURKEY, 2-5 August 2015
TS15-10	GS	Tunisia	Waiting for support from Section Chair. Support received in the email on 6/08/2015. Approved on 6/08/2015.	600	600	13th IEEE International Symposium on Intelligent Systems and Informatics, Subotica-Serbia, 17-19 September 2015
TS15-11	GS	Tunisia	Strong support with the application from Habib M. Kammoun, Tunisia Section Chair, confirmed. Approved 24/07/2015	1000	1000	ICDAR, Nancy-France, August 23-26
TS15-12	GS	Tunisia	Moderate support with the application from Habib M. Kammoun, Tunisia Section Chair. Second application to the same conference from Tunisia =ç not approved.		1000	ICDAR, Nancy-France, August 23-26
TS15-13	GS	Tunisia	Moderate support with the application from Habib M. Kammoun, Tunisia Section Chair. Approved 30/07/2015	830	830	Eusipco, Nice, France, 31 August-04 September, 2015
TS15-14	S	Tunisia	Strong support with the application from Habib M. Kammoun, Tunisia Section Chair. Waiting for paper approval. Approved 02/09/2015	910	910	AECIA 2015, Villejuif, France, September 9-11, 2015
TS15-15	GS	Ukraine	Strong support with the application from the Section Chair but no signature. Confirmed support and approved 11/09/2015.	480	480	IDAACS'2015, September 24-26, 2015, Warsaw, Poland
TS15-16	AsM	Ukraine	Strong support with the application from the Section Chair but no signature. Confirmed support and approved 11/09/2015.	520	520	IDAACS'2015, September 24-26, 2015, Warsaw, Poland
TS15-17	S	Tunisia	Moderate support with the application from Habib M. Kammoun, Tunisia Section Chair. Approved 06/10/2015	600	600	IDEAL 2015, Wroclaw, Poland, 14-16 October 2015
TS15-18	GS	Tunisia	Strong support with the application from the Section Chair. Approved 02/01/2015.	510	510	AICCSA'15, 12th ACS/IEEE International Conference on Computer Systems and Applications, Morocco 17-20 /11/2015
TS15-19	GS	Tunisia	Moderate support with the application from the Section Chair. Approved 02/11/2015.	473	473	ELECO 2015, Bursa, Turkey, 26-28 November 2015
Total				\$ 10 507	\$ 14 017	