

Voluntary Contribution Fund Coordinator

Péter Kádár

Goals

The goal of the VCF is to improve the student conference mobility and to support the local student activity in the under developed countries. Through years these goals are achieved but the intensity shows extremities (of applications, used money). This tool isn't really known by the sections, it should be get more loud 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

In 2016

- 8 VCF requests 2016 for the total of \$ 6,340
- 6 travel grants approved for the total of \$ 2,950
- The budget of \$10,000 hasn't been exceeded, seems to being in the plan
- On average, there was 500 \$/grant

Balance of VCF in the last years

Year	Planned budget	Donations	Requests	Approved	Other spending from VCF	Balance
2013	\$ 10 000			\$ 12 715		
2014	\$ 10 000	\$ 11 576		\$ 6 602		
2015	\$ 10 000	\$ 11 374	\$ 14 017	\$ 10 507	\$ 9 552	
2016	\$ 10 000		\$ 6 340	\$ 2 950		

Outlook

The planned VCF's \$10,000 annual budget isn't yet overspent in this year. The demands are not balanced geographically, the North African region dominated the applications. We should reach in this year the 20 of the applications and \$10,000 amount approved. 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) and also in time (approx. 1,5 applications/months - now it is only 1 appl./months).

Points of Concern

The 2016 VCF expenditure was \$2,950.

One advertisement (short article) was included in the printed version of R8 News.

The students has written appropriate report about the conference. But students who received VFC grants should write short reports in the R8 News too.

VCF REQUESTS till 10/09/2016

VCF No	Grade	Section	Status / notes	Approved up to [USD]	Amount re-quested	Conference
TS16-1	S	Tunisia	Moderate support with the application from the Section Chair. Approved on 10/02/2016	500	970	30th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA-2016), Crans-Montana, Switzerland, March 23-25, 2016
TS16-2	S	Kenya	No section chair support, no 2 years membership			
TS16-3	GS	Tunisia	Approved on 03/04/2016	500	1,000	The 5th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Logistics and Transport (IEEE ICALT'2016) will be held on 1-3 June 2016, in Kraków, Poland.
TS16-4	GS	Ukraine	respectable IEEE activities Approved on 24/04/2016	700	1,020	IRS 2016 - 17th International Radas Symposium Kraków, Poland, May 10-12, 2016
TS16-5	GS	Tunisia	Approved on 24/04/2016	450	850	RCIS 2016: 10th IEEE International Conference on RESEARCH CHALLENGES IN INFORMATION SCIENCE: Grenoble France, 1-3 June 2016
TS16-6	S	Tunisia	the two years of IEEE membership condition is not fulfilled	0	500	IEEE ISCC 2016, 27-30 June 2016 Italy
TS16-7	M	Macedonia	not student Approved on 14/07/2016	300	1,000	SMC 2016, 9-12 October Budapest, Hungary
TS16-8	M	South Africa	Approved on 15/07/2016	500	1,000	International Conference on Electrical Machines (ICEM'2016) SwissTech Convention Center; Lausanne - Switzerland; September 4-7, 2016
Total				\$ 2,950	\$ 6,340	
Claimed				\$ 2,701		