Conference Coordination Subcommittee (CoCSC)　　　　　　　Habib M. Kammoun

Committee updates:

- The following team members were appointed for the 2022 term:

2022 Team:

Habib M. Kammoun (Tunisia) Chair

Ljupco Karadzinov (North Macedonia) Past Chair

Nadezda Kunicina (Latvia) Member

Robert Bierwolf (Benelux) Member

Margaretha Eriksson (Sweden) Finance AdHoc subcommittee Liaison

Tiziana Tambosso (Italy) Corresponding member

Eric Kuada (Ghana) Corresponding member

Albert Lysko (South Africa) Corresponding member

Marios Antoniou (Cyprus) Corresponding member

Ridha Hamila (Qatar) Corresponding member

- **2022 Corresponding members – ex officio** are:
  - Cecilia Metra, IEEE Conferences Committee
  - Paul Cunningham, IEEE Conferences Committee
- **Website:** The committee website was updated: http://conferences.ieeer8.org/

Goals

1. Review of the financial and technical co-sponsorship (TCS/FCS) requests
2. Ensure success of the R8 flagship conferences: call for bids, support, oversight
3. Ensure success of IEEE conferences TCS/FCS by the R8
4. Increase the R8 visibility through conferences
5. Support the sections' conference coordinators

Updates on the sponsorship types

- Sole Sponsorship FCS (100%)
  - The IEEE OU* has full financial and technical responsibility for executing the conference (100%)
- Co-Sponsorship Co-FCS (1➔99%)
  - The IEEE OU has shared responsibilities for the conference's financial and technical requirements
  - The IEEE OU share the conference surplus according to that percentage
  - No TCS fees should be paid to IEEE MCE
- Technical Co-sponsorship TCS (0%)
  - The IEEE OU provides direct and substantial involvement in the technical program
  - **US$1,450** per conference and **US$22** per paper submitted to IEEE Xplore.
  - The OU. may pay to IEEE MCE a part of the TCS Fee!

Note: *OU – Organizational Unit (society, section, chapter, council)

Conference Categories, Benefits, and Requirements

The committee propose the following updates to be included in the operational manual of the R8/conference coordination committee.

Benefits	Flagship	Portfolio	Co-FCS	TCS	Concurring
1. Repayable loan - seed funding (to be returned after conference closing)	5k usd	5k usd			
2. Guidance of the organizing committee	x	x	x	x	x
3. Enotice to R8 members	5	5	3	3	
4. IEEE R8 Booth	x	x			
5. Organizing side R8 workshop/session	x				
6. R8 media publicity (R8news, social media, R8Today, etc.)	x	x	x		
7. Assistance for R8 conference application / MOU	x	x			
8. R8 director participation in the opening session	x	x			
9. Participation of the R8 conference committee representative	x	x	x		
10. Announce conferences in R8 website	x	x	x	x	
11. Coordination with R8 committees (SAC, WIE, YP, Industry, etc.)	x	x			
12. FREE plagiarism check provided by IEEE	x	x	x	x	x

Requirements	Flagship	Portfolio	Co-FCS	TCS	Concurring
1. Region 8 FCS %	>=30%	>=30%	>=5%	0%	NA
2. Local organizing section FCS%	>=50%	>=50%	>=5%		
3. Steering committee	x	x			
4. R8 representative involved as program committee co-chairs	x	x			
5. R8/NSA senior / fellow members (from different countries) involved as conference co-chairs CC, technical program co-chairs TPC, program committee PC members	all CC, TPC	all CC, TPC	at least 1 CC, 1 TPC, 5 PC	at least 1 TPC, 5 PC	at least 1 TPC, 3 PC
6. Progress meetings of the R8 conference committee representative and the organizing committee	Monthly	at least 4	at least 2	email	email
7. Submit R8 conference report <link>	x	x	x	x	x
8. FREE Registrations for R8 representatives (incl R8 student paper contest - SPC)	Up to 8	Up to 4	Up to 2	1	1
9. Previous R8 involvement	NA	at least 1 edition as R8 FCS	at least 1 edition as R8 TCS		
10. Involvement of local section and local chapter(s)	x	x	x	x	

The Conference coordination committee is responsible for the evaluation of the conference applications and submit recommendations to the following levels for the conference MOU approval:

Approvals	Flagship	Portfolio	Co-FCS	TCS	Concurring
R8 Committee approval (motion) of venue, general chairs and dates, and final conference report	x	x			
R8 OpCom approval for the conference committee			x		
Technical Activities, Vice chair				x	x

Notes:

- The net Conference surplus, after the return of the seed funding, shall be shared by the Financial Sponsors in the same ratio as stipulated in the conference MOU

- Any Conference deficit, up to the limit of the total seed funding, shall be shared by the Financial Sponsors in the sponsorship ratio. However, any deficit more than the total seed funding shall be the responsibility of the Hosting section

- Recommended composition of the steering committee:
  - Previous conference chair
  - Current conference chair
  - Future conference chair
  - Senior representative from R8
  - Senior representative from host section
  - (option) Senior representative from non-IEEE organizing entity

TCS conferences (R8 0%) approved for 2022:

- March 1-3, 2022, 7th International Conference on Data Science and Machine Learning Applications (CDMA), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- May 22-24, 2022, 2nd International Conference of Smart Systems and Emerging Technologies (SMARTTECH), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- May 23-26, 2022, 14th International Conference ELEKTRO, Krakow, Poland
- May 23-27, 2022, 45th Jubilee International Convention on Information, Communication and Electronic Technology (MIPRO), Opatija, Croatia
- June 6-9, 2022, IEEE International Conference on Design & Test of Integrated Micro & Nano-Systems (DTS), Cairo, Egypt
- July 13-15, 2022, 45th International Conference on Telecommunications and Signal Processing (TSP), Virtual, Czech Republic
- August 1-3, 2022, IEEE International Conference on Omni-layer Intelligent Systems (COINS), Barcelona, Spain
- September 12-14, 2022, International Symposium ELMAR, Zadar, Croatia
- October 10-12, 2022, IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Conference Europe (ISGT-Europe), Novi Sad, Serbia
- October 19-21, 2022, International Conference on Smart Systems and Technologies (SST), Osijek, Croatia
- October 23-26, 2022, 7th International Advanced Research Workshop on Transformers (ARWtr), Baiona, Spain
- November 23-25, 2022, Second International Conference on Sustainable Mobility Applications, Renewables and Technology (SMART), Virtual, Italy
- December 5-7, 2022, IEEE 5th International Conference on Image Processing Applications and Systems (IPAS), Genova, Italy

Co-FCS conferences approved for 2022

- March 28-31, 2022, 13th IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON), Tunis, Tunisia
- June 29 – July 01, 2022, 2022 IEEE 6th International Conference on Logistics Operations Management (GOL), University of Strasbourg, France

Upcoming R8 Flagship and Portfolio Conferences:

- May 9-12, 2022, IEEE 7th International Energy Conference (ENERGYCON), in Riga, Latvia
- June 14-16, 2022, IEEE 21st Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference (MELECON), in Palermo, Italy
- August 24-26, 2022, 7th IEEE Forum on Research and Technologies for Society and Industry Innovation (RTSI), Paris, France
- July 6-8, 2023, 20th EUROCON, Torino, Italy
- September 7-9, 2023, 8th HISTELCON, Florence, Italy
- September 11-13, 2023, 16th AFRICON, Nairobi, Kenya

Bids for 2024 R8 flagship conferences

The committee received bids from the following R8 sections / subsections for the 2024 R8 flagship conferences:

- 2024 MELECON
    - Porto, Portugal
    - Jerusalem, Israel
- 2024 ENERGYCON
    - Doha, Qatar
    - Lviv, Ukraine
    - Cairo, Egypt

The bids are under review. The selected bids will be presented to the R8 committee meeting for approval (motion).

Flagship conferences progress:

- MELECON 2022
    - 1 plenary speaker
    - 6 keynotes speakers
    - 7 tutorials
    - 265 contributed papers. Revision is in progress
    - https://melecon2022.org

- ENERGYCON 2022
    - Hybrid meeting
    - 168 papers submitted, 103 accepted papers
    - Registration and payment processes are in progress
    - 10 applications for Student forum
    - Plans for 3 tutorials

Site selection of R8 portfolio conference - HISTELCON 2023

HISTELCON (History of Telecommunications Conference) is an IEEE Region 8 portfolio bi-annual conference organized in one of the Region 8 Sections/Subsections.

HISTELCON aims to increase the understanding of the origins and of the early developments of electrical technologies - in particular of telecommunications. Original and innovative contributions are invited in areas including, but not restricted to:
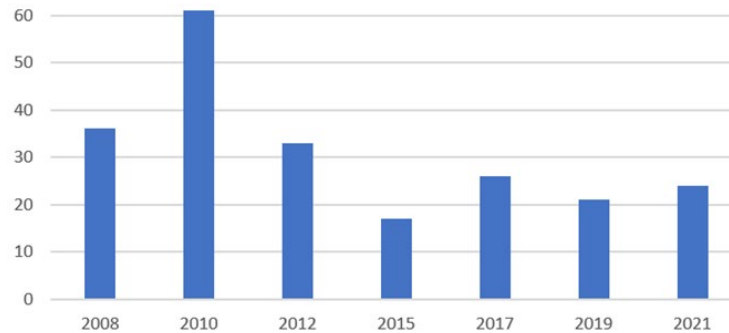
- Origins and early developments of electro-technologies
- Milestones in different fields of electro-technology, both early and modern
- Scientists and Technologists involved in the above
- Museum items and educational methods illustrating the above

The purpose of this conference is to serve as a catalyst for the technical exchange between researchers and practitioners in the telecommunications field. The technical program includes plenary sessions and regular technical sessions.

Previous editions:
- 2008: France
- 2010: Spain
- 2012: Italy
- 2015: Israel

- 2017: Japan (R10)
- 2019: Scotland
- 2021: Russia

Statistics of HISTELCON (Number of published papers):

Bids to organize 2023 HISTELCON were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Subcommittee on April 1st, 2022. After detailed analysis and deep discussions, the Conference Coordination Subcommittee made the decision to select the **Italy Section to host in Florence the 2023 HISTELCON** as the best submitted proposal that fits with the objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2023 HISTELCON conference in Florence, Italy is sought from the Committee.

Motion: Resolved that the organization of the 2023 HISTELCON is hereby approved as follows:
    Title: 2023 8th IEEE History of Telecommunications Conference (HISTELCON)
    Dates: 7-9 September 2023
    Venue: Antica Canonica di San Giovanni, Florence, Italy
    General co-chairs: Giuseppe Pelosi, Massimo Guarneri
    Number of participants: 90 (Hybrid)
    Registration fee: in person: $180-$220 / online: $90-$110 (reduced-regular)
    Budget: $14,000 incomes, $11,200 expenses, $2,800 (25%) surplus
    Region 8 share: 30% ($840) of the surplus

Site selection of R8 flagship conference - MELECON 2024

MELECON (Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference) is an IEEE Region 8 flagship bi-annual conference organized in one of the Mediterranean Sections/Subsections.
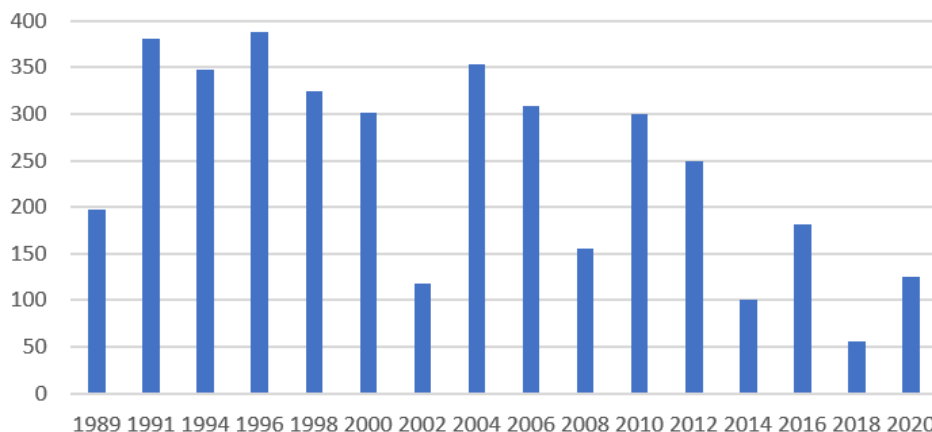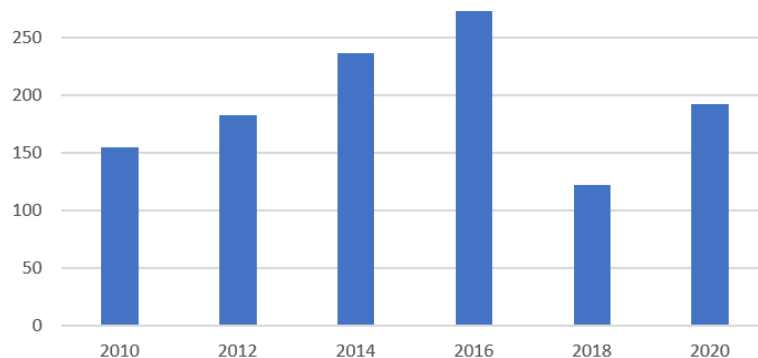
Topics cover the full area of IEEE, e.g., Communications, Networks, Electronics, Energy, Mobile Computing, Cloud Computing, Software, Engineering, Nanotechnology, and E-learning.

The purpose of this conference is to serve as a catalyst for the technical exchange between researchers and practitioners from different technological fields. The technical program includes plenary sessions, regular technical sessions, special sessions, poster sessions, and tutorials.

Previous editions:
- 1981: Israel
- 1983: Greece
- 1985: Spain
- 1987: Italy
- 1989: Portugal
- 1991: Yugoslavia
- 1994: Turkey

- 1996: Italy
- 1998: Israel
- 2000: Cyprus
- 2002: Egypt
- 2004: Croatia
- 2006: Spain
- 2008: France

- 2010: Malta
- 2012: Tunisia
- 2014: Lebanon
- 2016: Cyprus
- 2018: Morocco
- 2020: Virtual
- 2022: Italy

Statistics of MELECON (Number of published papers):

The Conference Coordination Subcommittee sent to the R8 section chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2024 R8 flagship conferences.

Bids to organize 2024 MELECON were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Subcommittee on March 21st, 2022. After detailed analysis and deep discussions, the Conference Coordination Subcommittee made the decision to select the **Portugal Section to host in Porto the 2024 MELECON** as the best submitted proposal that fits with the objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2024 MELECON conference in Porto, Portugal is sought from the Committee.

Motion: Resolved that the organization of the 2024 MELECON is hereby approved as follows:
    Title: 2024 22nd IEEE Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference (MELECON)
    Dates: 25-27 June 2024
    Venue: Polytechnic Institute of Porto, Porto, Portugal
    General co-chairs: Ana Maria Madureira, Catarina Silva, Rodolfo Oliveira
    Expected Number of participants: 200
    Registration fee: $50-300 (reduced-regular)
    Budget: $34,200 incomes, $28,750 expenses, $5,450 (19%) surplus
    Region 8 share: 30% ($1,635) of the surplus

Site selection of R8 flagship conference - ENERGYCON 2024

ENERGYCON (Energy Conference) is an IEEE Region 8 flagship bi-annual conference organized in one of the Region 8 Sections/Subsections.

ENERGYCON is an international forum for the exchange of ideas and innovative technologies on Sustainable Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Conversion and Utilization of Electrical Energy. It is also the premier IEEE Region 8 forum for the application of Electronics, Instrumentation, Information and Communication Technology in the Electrical Energy Industry.

The purpose of this conference is to serve as a catalyst for the technical exchange between researchers and practitioners in the energy field. The technical program includes plenary sessions, regular technical sessions, special sessions, poster sessions, and tutorials.

Previous editions:
- 2010: Bahrain
- 2012: Italy
- 2014: Croatia
- 2016: Belgium
- 2018: Cyprus
- 2020: Tunisia
- 2022: Latvia

Statistics of ENERGYCON (Number of published papers):

The Conference Coordination Subcommittee sent to the R8 section chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2024 R8 flagship conferences.

Bids to organize 2024 ENERGYCON were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Subcommittee on March 21st, 2022. After detailed analysis and deep discussions, the Conference Coordination Subcommittee made the decision to select the **Qatar Section to host in Doha the 2024 ENERGYCON** as the best submitted proposal that fits with the objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2024 ENERGYCON conference in Doha, Qatar is sought from the Committee.

Motion: Resolved that the organization of the 2024 ENERGYCON is hereby approved as follows:
    Title: 2024 8th IEEE Energy Conference (ENERGYCON)
    Dates: 4-7 March 2024
    Venue: Qatar University, Doha, Qatar
    General co-chairs: Ridha Hamila, Nasser Al-Emadi
    Number of participants: 330
    Registration fee: $300-$500 (reduced-regular)
    Budget: $156,500 incomes, $129,550 expenses, $26,950 (20.8%) surplus
    Region 8 share: 30% ($8,520) of the surplus

Conference Leadership Workshop
- In partnership with IEEE MCE
- Face to face workshop
- Participants: Section officers, Section conference coordinators
- Date: Monday 13 June 2022
- Venue: University of Palermo (Italy), in conjunction with MELECON 2022

Points of Concern
- Increase the visibility of R8 conferences
- Appointment of section's conference coordinators
- Weak involvement of the sections as financial co-sponsors
- Consider EDUCON conference as portfolio conference

Proposals for improvements
- Encourage sections to appoint section conference coordinators
- Encourage sections to be involved as financial co-sponsor, that will help in most of cases to receive a percentage of the surplus
- Encourage sections to get involved in the society conferences when it will be hosted in their countries
- Help section conference coordinators and conference organizers to be aware about the online courses and materials to help them in organizing well the online and hybrid events: https://ieeemce.org/

Call for proposals to organize 2025 conferences
- **Flagship**
  - **AFRICON**
  - **EUROCON**
- **Portfolio**
  - **HISTELCON**
  - **RTSI**

Timeline:
- Letter of Intent to host the conference: 30 November 2022
- Final bid: 15 January 2023

Further details: website: http://conferences.ieeer8.org

IEEE RTSI 2022

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7th International Forum

24-26 August 2022
Sorbonne University, Paris, France

https://ieeefrance.org/rtsi2022/

- **Important Dates:**
  - **Submission of papers :** April 30, 2022
  - **Submission of tutorials proposals:** April 30, 2022
  - **Submission of Panels:** April 30, 2022
  - **Submission of Student forum posters :** June 15, 2022
  - **Notification of acceptance/rejection:** June 15, 2022