TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, March 2023

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SUBJECT: Approval of RTSI 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RTSI (Research and Technology for Society and Industry) is an annual meeting of researchers and industry professionals in the field of electrical, electronic, and information science and engineering. Specifically, the main purposes of the event are:
- to promote and strengthen partnerships and cooperation between Academia and Industry;
- to increase understanding and awareness of how engineering and technology can positively affect quality of life;
- to promote discussion between the research community and government bodies about effective and successful research policies;
- to disseminate recent advancements, discoveries and applications;
- to discuss ideas and promote cooperation between researchers working in different research areas.

The conference originally created by the Italy Section and held in Italy for its previous 6th editions was included among the R8 portfolio conferences according to an agreement between R8 and Italy Section (every three years the conference will be organized in Italy).

Previous editions:

- 2024: Italy- Milano (in progress)
- 2022: France-Paris
- 2021: Italy-(Virtual)
- 2019: Italy-Firenze
- 2018: Italy-Palermo
- 2017: Italy-Modena
- 2016: Italy-Bologna
- 2015: Italy-Torino

The Conference Coordination Committee (CoCC) sent to the R8 section chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2025 R8 flagship and portfolio conferences.

Bids to organize 2025 RTSI were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Committee on February 27th, 2023. After detailed analysis and discussions, the Conference Coordination Committee members made the decision to select the **Tunisia Section to host in Tunis the 2025 RTSI** as the best submitted proposal, that fits with the objectives and the strategy of R8.

The R8 CoCC recommendation to organize RTSI 2025 in Tunis, Tunisia was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM of March 13th, 2023

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2025 RTSI is hereby approved as follows:

Title: IEEE RTSI 2025
Dates: 24-26 August, 2025
Venue: Ramada Plaza, Tunis, Tunisia
General co-chairs: Fadoua Drira, Ernesto Damiani (both IEEE Senior Members)
Number of participants: 150
Registration fee: USD 370-400 (reduced-regular)
Budget: $58,300 incomes, $48,030 expenses, $10,270 (18%) surplus
Region 8 share: 30% of the surplus ($3,081)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tunisia bid does show a fairly complete 2025 proposal, and shows:
- Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure (free airport transfer)
- Section, chapters and societies involved
- Potential Industrial financial Patrons
- Potential international keynote speakers
- Detailed program of side events (student and industrial competitions)
- Expected Impact on Section and Chapter Vitality
- Low registration fee
- Two budgets (expected, best)

Further details in the following documents:
- R8 Call for bids
- Tunisia's proposal
- Tunisia's budget