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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, March 2023

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SUBJECT: Make HISTELCON a multi-regional conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HISTELCON is dedicated to any aspects of the history of electrical engineering, electronics, telecommunications, computing, and their impact on social and economical development.

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

Previous editions:

- 2008: France
- 2010: Spain
- 2012: Italy
- 2015: Israel
- 2017: Japan (R10)
- 2019: Scotland
- 2021: Russia
- 2023: Italy
- 2025: call for bid in progress

MOTIVATION

This conference is the only one in the IEEE that addresses the history of technology and its implications for modern society, industry and education.

IEEE History Committee supports this conference and in 2023 is one of the technical co-sponsors. Some Region directors have already given their support to this action and many others could join. Sharing this conference at the multi-regional level could be a stimulus to enlarge the audience and enrich the experience. There was a precedent, in 2017 HISTELCON was organized in Japan with the support of R10.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the R8 committee approves to make HISTELCON a multi-regional conference.

The CoCC with R8 OPCOM support will work to produce a cooperation agreement with the involved regions.

The agreement will be presented at the next R8 meeting in Ottawa to be approved by the R8 committee.

The agreement will be in place for the next edition of the conference