



R8 Flagship/Portfolio Conferences -Motions

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RTSI 2024

BACKGROUND

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 Operating Agreement between R8 and Italy Section entered on 2021-11-7. Every three years the conference will be organized in Italy.

Previous editions:

2024: Italy- Milano

2023: not assigned

2022: France-Paris

2021: Italy-(Virtual)

2020: postponed

2019: Italy-Firenze

2018: Italy-Palermo

2017: Italy-Modena

2016: Italy-Bologna

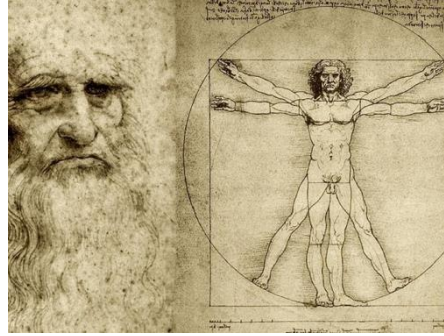
2015: Italy-Torino

Edition 2024 will be in Italy as agreed in the above-mentioned Operating Agreement

RTSI 2024

Proposed Action

Resolved that the organization of the 2024 RTSI is hereby approved as follows:



- ▶ **Dates:** 24-26 September, 2024
- ▶ **Venue:** Politecnico di Milano, **Milano, Italy**
- ▶ **General chair:** Giambattista Gruoss (IEEE Italy Section Vice-Chair)
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 160
- ▶ **Registration fee:** USD 425-525 (reduced-regular)
- ▶ **Budget:** \$87,830 incomes, \$68,880 expenses, \$18,950 (21%) surplus
- ▶ **Region 8 share:** 30% of the surplus (\$5,685)

Highlights:

- Very Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure
- Section, chapters, other R8 Sections involved
- Potential Industrial financial Patrons
- Side events (WIE, Entrepreneurship, panels and special workshop with industries, tutorials, keynote from industry)

IHTC 2024

BACKGROUND

The IEEE **International Humanitarian Technology Conference** (IHTC) is a Multi-Regional Conference Series rotating between R7 (Canada), R8 (Africa, Europe and Middle East), and R9 (Latin America and Caribbean).

This inter-disciplinary conference series focuses on showcasing challenges, success stories, lessons learnt, case studies and technological innovation related to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ICT4D and the application of Humanitarian Technologies (including Disaster Relief and Disaster Recovery) and facilitating engagement stakeholders from the public, private, education and research and societal sectors around the world. We place a particular emphasis on facilitating participation by key stakeholder groups from low and lower middle-income countries as well as low resource communities.

IHTC was established in R7 and since 2021 it has become a **multi-regional conference**.

Previous editions:

2023: Colombia – Santa Marta (in progress) Hybrid
2022: Canada (virtual)
2021: R8 (virtual)
2017: Canada - Toronto
2014: Canada - Montreal

Only one bid to organize 2024 IHTC was received and evaluated by the CoCC. After detailed analysis and discussions, the CoCC members anonymously agreed to recommend the **proposal to host in Bari (Italy) the 2024 IHTC**. The R8 CoCC recommendation was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM of March 13th, 2023

IHTC 2024

Proposed Action

Resolved that the organization of the 2024 IHTC is hereby approved as follows:

- ▶ **Dates:** 23-25 October, 2024
- ▶ **Venue:** Polytechnic University of Bari, **Bari, Italy**
- ▶ **General chair:** Massimo La Scala (IEEE Fellow)
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 75 onsite, 75 online
- ▶ **Registration fee:** \$315-378 (reduced-regular) \$130-156 (reduced-regular) virtual
- ▶ **Budget:** \$72,175 incomes, \$46,750 expenses, \$25,425 (35%) surplus
- ▶ **Region 8 share:** 60% of the surplus (\$15,255)



Highlights:

- Experienced organizing team (international)
- Good venue infrastructure and travel facilities
- Section and chapters technically involved
- Support from National Associations and Research Centers

- Industrial financial Patrons - letters of financial support
- Expected Impact and benefits for R8, Section/Chapters
- Low registration fee
- Three budgets (expected, best, worse) discussed and motivated

AFRICON 2025

BACKGROUND

AFRICON is an IEEE Region 8 flagship bi-annual conference **on the African continent**. Topics cover the full area of IEEE, e.g., Communications, Networks, Electronics, Energy, Mobile Computing, Cloud Computing, Software, Engineering, Nanotechnology, and E-learning. The first AFRICON was in 1983 followed by other 15 editions.

Previous editions in the 21st Century

2023: Kenya	2011: Zambia
2021: Tanzania	2009: Kenya
2019: Ghana	2007: Namibia
2017: South Africa	2004: Botswana
2015: Ethiopia	2002 South Africa
2013: Mauritius	

Three bids to organize 2025 AFRICON were received and evaluated by the CoCC. After detailed analysis and discussions, the CoCC members anonymously agreed to recommend the **proposal to host in Abuja (Nigeria) the 2025 AFRICON**. The R8 CoCC recommendation was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM of March 13th, 2023

AFRICON 2025

Proposed Action

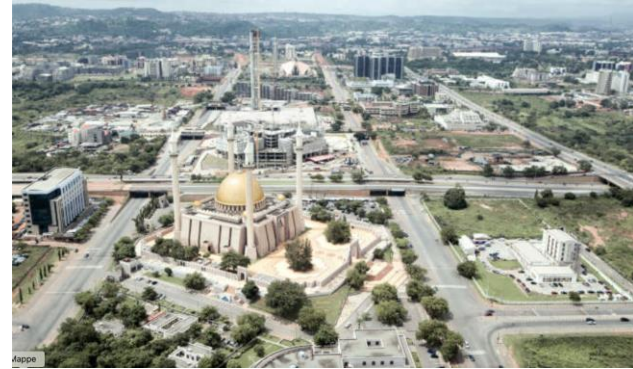
Resolved that the organization of the 2025 AFRICON is hereby approved as follows:

- ▶ **Dates:** 6-9 September 2025
- ▶ **Venue:** Transcorp Hilton, **Abuja, Nigeria**
- ▶ **General co-chairs:** Tunde Yusuf Salihu, Ralph Onoshakpor (both past-chairs of Nigeria Section)
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 380
- ▶ **Registration fee:** USD 250-300 (reduced-regular)
- ▶ **Budget:** \$187,200 incomes, \$159,000 expenses, \$28,200 (15%) surplus
- ▶ **Region 8 share:** 30% (\$8460)

Highlights:

Experienced organizing team
Good involvement of industry
Good venue infrastructure
Airport well connected

Section and chapters involved
Lower registration fee
Section is a member of the IEEE Africa Council



RTSI 2025

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After the 7th Edition in France and the 8th Edition in Italy, as it was approved in the Operating Agreement, the site for the 9th edition will be selected after a call for bids.

Previous editions:

2024: Italy- Milano	2019: Italy-Firenze
2023: not assigned	2018: Italy-Palermo
2022: France-Paris	2017: Italy-Modena
2021: Italy-(Virtual)	2016: Italy-Bologna
2020: postponed	2015: Italy-Torino

Three bids to organize 2025 RTSI were received and evaluated by the CoCC. After detailed analysis and discussions, the CoCC members anonymously agreed to recommend the **proposal to host in Tunis (Tunisia) the 2025 RTSI**. The R8 CoCC recommendation was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM of March 13th, 2023

RTSI 2025

Proposed Action

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

- ▶ **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)

Highlights:

- Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure
- Section, chapters and societies involved
- Potential Industrial Patrons
- Expected Impact on Section and Chapter Vitality
- Detailed program of side events
- Low registration fee
- Two Budgets were presented (expected case and best case)



Make HISTELCON a multi-regional conference

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

Thank you