Digital Equity Committee (DEC)
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Agenda

1. Call to order: participation, apologies, Skype remote connection

2. Report on the period between GA 2017-2018 – Gabriela Marín

    – Budget expenditure

    – Participation on DEC related activities

3. Possibilities for future WITFOR

4. Propose activities for the next 12 months

    – More promotion and publicity (Diane and Yuko)

    – Documenting efforts in our communities on promotion of Digital Equity (Raymond)

5. Interesting coming events

6. Agree on topics to be raised at GA 2018

Participation

In person

- Gabriela Marín-Raventós (CR)
- Raymond Morel (CH)
- Yuko Murayama (JP)
- A Min Tjoa (AT)
- Leon Strous (NL)
- Sindre Rosvik (NO)
- David Kreps (UK)

Present by Skype

- Diane Whitehouse (UK) --- *has online before the meeting and stated that David Kreps should substitute her in DEC.*
- Lalit Sawhney (IN) --- *communication was very noisy because he was on a flight.*

Excused themselves

- Ramon Puigjaner (ES)
- Ana Pont (ES)

Not present

- Robert Davison(HK), --- *it has impossible to get Skype connection*
- Lawrence Gudza (ZW) --- *had flight delays*
- Siraj Shaikh (UK) --- *no excuse received*

Funding for I-2018

Event	Purpose	Amount Requested	Funding approved	Grants reimbursted
PhD-seminar in Thailand	to support Erich Neuhold travel expenses	Not specified	1.500 euros	Event postponed due to health problems of one instructor
OCCE 2018	to cover doctoral student from developing countries travel expenses	3.000 euros	2.000 euros	Rasha Al Okaily 500 Marisol Rodriguez 329.30 Rasha Essam 500
WCC 2018	to cover PhD student and keynote from a developing country travel expenses	3.000 euros	3.000 euros	
CARI and ICTAC 2018	to fully reimburse all African participants and international invited speakers	15.000 euros	2.500 euros	
TOTAL			9.000 euros	

Funding for II-2018

Event	Purpose	Amount Requested	Funding approved	Grants Reimbursted
TFC2018	to cover PhD students from developing countries travel expenses	Not specified	3.000 euros	
TOTAL			3.000 euros	

Decisions regarding funding rules

- Concerns on the execution of funds by grantees:

  - the constraints of the current rule that only students and speakers are eligible for grants (Students who graduated after submitting a proposal but before the event for instance would be an issue)

  - the reality that funds allocated and not used on a specific year can not be used the next year

- Some flexibility options were discussed, but it was decided to formulate a general escape:

  - **"cases not exactly meeting the rules but with a good argument to be eligible for a grant may be submitted for consideration by the DEC".**

  - **to have an supplementary Funding Request period ending in October to try to invest the granted funds that we already know will not be reimbursed.**

- It was discussed whether a maximum amount per person should be granted and whether this should be the same amount for every person. It was decided that **a maximum of 1000 euro per person could be granted.**

Future WITFOR

- Perú- in charge of Dr. Ernesto Cuadros--- he declined

- Jointly with ITU/ECLAC --- very complicated to organize

- ICT society in Ghana is interested in becoming member of IFIP (Leon´s proposal) : There is a good opportunity to cooperate with WG 9.4 (main event in 2019 in Tanzania) and TC3. They may be interested in going to Ghana with their main event in 2021.

- Dubai (Mike Hinchey's proposal): It was informally expressed by him that they may be interested.

Decisions for future WITFOR

- Gabriela and Leon will draft a short note on the goal, outline and constraints for WITFOR, based on previous events and experiences but forward looking.

- This note will be circulated to the DEC members for comments to be the guide for finding proposals for the next edition.

Next 12 months plans

- Have more promotion and publicity

  - As a standard practice, a **reminder will be sent twice a year to all TC and WG chairs** drawing their attention to the existence of the grants.

  - To be included in the grant rules: **A report must be delivered by the recipient of the grant** (to be included in IFIP news). It could be considered to only reimburse the grant recipient after the report has been received.

Next 12 months plans

- Documenting efforts on Digital Equity done by our communities
  - The proposal by Raymond with respect to "Operation Success Stories" was enthusiastically accepted
  - The **GA members will be asked to provide input (stories) via a digital tool**.
  - The results can be used to identify topics and/or speakers for the next WITFOR

Interesting coming events

- **15th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries**, 2019 IFIP WG 9.4 conference, whose topic is "Strengthening Southern-driven cooperation as a catalyst for ICT4D".

- **WSIS**: A proposal will be drafted by Gabriela and Leon for a workshop at the next WSIS Forum in Geneva.

Thank you!