

**Digital Equity Committee Chair Report**

**IFIP GA- Colombo**

**September 2017**

**Conformation of the Digital Equity Committee**

After my election as IFIP Vice president in charge of DEC, previous DEC members were communicated of Ramon´s retirement, and they were asked to accept continue being part of the Committee. New members were also included by their explicit request.

The proposal of DEC committee composed by the following members has communicated to and approved by Mike Hinchey:

* **Gabriela Marín-Raventós (CR), Chair of DEC and IFIP Vice-president**
* Ramon Puigjaner (ES), former DEC Chair and former IFIP Vice-president
* Raymond Morel (CH), Switzerland representative to the IFIP GA and member of TC3
* Yuko Murayama (JP), IFIP Vice-president, TC11 Chair and Japanese representative to the IFIP GA
* Ana Pont (ES), Spanish representative to the TC6 and TPC Co-Chair of WITFOR 2016
* Sindre Rosvik (NO), Chair of TC3 on Education
* Lalit Sawhney (IN), Member Secretary, IFIP WITFOR 2012, New Delhi and former IFIP Vice-President
* Maung Sein (NO), Chair of WG9.4 on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries
* Siraj Shaikh (UK), Chair of WG6.9 on Communication Systems in Developing Countries
* Leon Strous (NL), IFIP Past President and one of WITFOR creators
* Diane Whitehouse (UK), Chair TC9 on ICT and Society
* Lawrence Gudza (ZW), Zimbabwean representative at the IFIP General Assembly
* A Min Tjoa (AT), IFIP Honorary Secretary

On August 2017, Maung Sein communicated me that he was no longer Chair of WG9.4 on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries, and that he preferred that Dr. Robert Davidson, new WG9.4 Chair assumed is role in DEC. I contacted Dr. Davidson and he agreed to actively participate.

**Grant Allocation Rules for I-2017**

Ramon’s legacy was continued and there are no real changes on the rules for assigning grants to activities related with developing countries, except for some minor modifications with respect to dates for the allocation period.

The proposed rules accepted by DEC are:

* There will be two allocation periods: February (considering all the requests arrived between July 1 and January 31) and August (considering all the requests arrived between February 1 and July 31)
* The requests should be sent to me (gabrielamarinraventos@gmail.com), indicating the IFIP activity concerned, some documentation describing it (call for papers, announcement, programme, etc.) and the planned use of the grant
* The grant allocation criteria will be:
	+ Travels (not stays or registrations fees) of PhD students of developing countries with an accepted paper in some IFIP activity (conference, workshop, school, etc.) held in any country
	+ Travels (not stays) of invited speakers/tutorialists of IFIP activities (conference, workshop, school, etc.) held in a developing country
	+ Travels (not stays or registrations fees) of practitioners of developing countries with realized or ongoing project to be presented in some IFIP activity (conference, workshop, school, etc.) held in a developing country
* The grants requested between August 1 and January 31 should be applied for events to be held in the next year (the one starting in January) and those requested between February 1 and July 31 should be applied for events to be held during the current year or for events to be held next year but with some deadline or execution before July 31 next year.

**During the Kiev Board meeting, early 2017, some Board members requested to extend the period of coverage of grant request to year and a half instead of only one year.**

**Grant requests**

**I-2017**

1. **INTERACT 2017** Mumbai, India

 ***Description***

INTERACT 2017 is a flagship conference on HCI run by IFIP TC13. The conference has been to many countries around the world, including Germany, South Africa, Portugal, Sweden, and Brazil in recent years. The sixteenth edition of the conference will be held in Mumbai, India from September 25-29, 2017. More information, including calls and chairs can be found here: http://interact2017.org/.

 ***Request***

“Requesting DCSC funding to cover travel for two categories of speakers:

* to invite 4 international speakers and 2 Indian speakers to address plenary sessions during the conference. We request funding of EUR 5,000 to cover travel costs of international speakers.
* to conduct about 15 courses during the conference offered by various instructors. We do believe that several instructors from developing countries can offer good HCI courses at international conferences, but do not only because of travel costs. We request funding of EUR 5,000 to cover travel costs of up to 7 instructors from developing countries with an accepted course in INTERACT.”

***Person requesting funds***

Anirudha Joshi and Girish Dalvi (General Co-chairs)

Julio Abascal (Chair of the IFIP TC13 Grants Committee)

1. **SEARCC Conference 2017,** Colombo, Sri Lanka

***Description***

SEARCC Conference 2017 will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. SEARCC (South East Asian Regional Computer Confederation - http://www.searcc.org) organizes an annual conference every year in a selected country in the region. This event will run in partnership with National IT Conference (NITC) of Sri Lanka. This is the 35th Annual NITC, which is the largest ICT Conference in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is a developing country, in South Asia.

Importantly, during the same time, IFIP General Assembly (GA) meeting will be held in Colombo.

The theme of the conference is "Towards Digital Prosperity", which is equally important for developing countries and developed countries.

***Request***

“I am not sure of the budget you have for this, so I hope you will allocate a significant component considering the importance of this for IFIP, SEARCC and CSSL, all connected parties, and very relevant for the developing world.”

Funds will be used for:

* Travels (not stays) of invited speakers/tutorialists of IFIP activities (conference, workshop, school, etc.) held in a developing country
* Travels (not stays or registrations fees) of practitioners of developing countries with realized or ongoing project to be presented in some IFIP activity (conference, workshop, school, etc.) held in a developing country

***Person requesting funds***

Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama (President, Computer Society of Sri Lanka and IFIP Councillor)

1. **OSS 2017,** Buenos Aires, Argentina

***Description***

OSS 2017 wil be held on 22-23 May in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Call for Papers for the conference is attached, whose home page is http://www.oss2017.org.

***Request***

“We are requesting a grant of 2000 euros, but would be pleased to accept anything that you are able to offer.”

Funds will be used for:

* PhD students from developing countries to present their results , or
* Speakers from developed countries attending the event in Argentina.

***Person requesting funds***

Tony Wasserman (Chair, IFIP WG 2.13)

1. **WCCE 2017,** Dublin, Ireland

***Description***

WCCE is the flagship event of TC3. The conference is arranged every 4th year and for 2017 it will take place in Dublin. Details: <http://wcce2017.com/programme/>

***Request***

“We apply for DCSC grants for participants from developing countries according to formal guidelines. TC3 has a focus on attracting doctoral students and the DCSC fund is indeed an incentive for participation.

WCCE 2017 hope to be able to fund at least 6 students (each €500) so we apply for € 3000. In 2016 only one student filled the requirements and got a grant (spent € 500 of € 3000).”

***Person requesting funds***

Sindre Røsvik (TC3 chair/WCCE 2017 IPC member)

**Funding Approval for I-2017**

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| Event | Purpose | Amount Requested | **Approved Funding** |
| INTERACT 2017 | Internactional travel of 4 international speakers and 2 Indian speakers to address plenary sessions during the conference | 5.000 euros | **1.500 euros** |
| Internactional travel of 7 instructors from developing countries with an accepted course i | 5.000 euros | **1.500 euros** |
| **SEARCC 2017** | Travels of invited speakers/tutorialists of IFIP activities (conference, workshop, school, etc.) Travels of practitioners of developing countries with realized or ongoing project to be presented in some IFIP activity | Not specified | **2.000 euros** |
| **OSS 2017** | PhD students from developing countries to present their results , orspeakers from developed countries attending the event in Argentina | 2.000 euros | **2.000 euros** |
| **WCCE 2017** | To be able to fund at least 6 Ph.D. students | 3.000 euros | **3.000 euros** |

**II-2017**

1. **IFIP Summer School** 2017, Ispra, Italy

***Description***

 IFIP Summer School 2017 on *Privacy and Identity Management,* [*http://www.ifip-summerschool.org/*](http://www.ifip-summerschool.org/)*,* co-organized by the IFIP Working Groups 9.2, 9.6/11.7, 11.4 and 11.6, which will be held in Ispra, Italy, 3-8 September 2017

***Request***

1000 euros to support Ph.D. student travel expenses:

 Aderonke Busayo Sakpere (Nigerian citizen), University of Cape Town, South Africa, who will present a paper on ““On Anonymizing Streaming Crime Data: A Solution

Approach for the Developing World”.

***Person requesting funds***

Simone Fischer-Hübner, simone.fischer-huebner@kau.se, IFIP School 2017 Chair (with Diane Whitehouse approval)

1. **SBESC** 2017, Ciritiba, Paraná, Brazil

***Description***

7th Brazilian Symposium on Computing Systems Engineering (SBESC 2017, [http://sbesc.lisha.ufsc.br/sbesc2017/](http://sbesc.lisha.ufsc.br/sbesc2017/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank))*,* co-organised by the IFIP Working Group 10.2, which will be held in Ciritiba. Paraná, Brazil, November 07 - 10, 2017

***Request***

Unspecified amount “to cover the cost of bringing a keynote speaker”

***Person requesting funds***

Marco A. Wehrmeister wehrmeister@utfpr.edu.br

**Funding Approval for II-2017**

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| Event | Purpose | Amount Requested | **Funding Approved** |
| **IFIP Summer School 2017** on *Privacy and Identity Management* | to support Ph.D. student travel expenses | 1.000 euros | **1.000 euros** |
| **SBESC 2017** | to cover travel expenses of a keynote speaker | Not specified | **1.500 euros** |

**Budget expenditure**

Our total budget for 2017 is 15.000 euros. Amount invested:

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| **Call** | **Amount approved** | **Amount reimbursed** | **Amount pending** |
| I-2017 | 10.000 | INTERACT 1.500SEARCC 0WCCE 2.500OSS 2.000 | INTERACT 1.500SEARCC 2.000WCCE 500 |
| II-2017 | 2.500 | Summer School 1.000SBESC 2.000 | Summer School 1.000(may not attend due to visa problems)SBESC 2.000  |

**Event participation**

1. **WTDC 2017**

Leon Strous contacted WTDC 2017 organizers to be held in Argentina. As a result, Leon asked me to have a conference call with Bruno Ramos to explore what options were there for IFIP to contribute to WTDC. Days later, I has contacted by Caroline BRANDÃO, Secretary of ITU Regional Office for the Americas which coordinated the conference call with Randall TREVINO, Deputy Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for the Americas. Aspects covered in the call were:

* WDTC 2017: He explained that, topics for ITU World Telecommunication Development Conferences, likewise in many UN meetings, will be selected from a list of proposals presented and discussed in Regional Preparatory Meetings pre-event. To coordinate the preparations for WTDC-17 at regional level, they are organizing one Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM) per region, two in the last quarter of 2016 and four in the first quarter of 2017. In particular, the Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-17 for the Americas took place from 22 to 24 February 2017 in the Republic of Paraguay, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for the Americas on 21 February 2017. The Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-17 for Europe will take place from 27 to 28 April 2017 in the Republic of Lithuania, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for Europe on 26 April 2017. Thus, IFIP could have presented proposals for WDTC-2017, but we were too late. He still told me that we will contact ITU headquarters to see if they can recommend IFIP a way to actively participate. Passive participation is always possible. IFIP Board in Kiev decided not to follow the idea.
* Future WITFOR: He considers coordinating efforts to do a joint WITFOR-ITU back to back event in Latin America feasible and desirable. He does not 2018 a good year since they are organizing their Plenipotentiary Conference. They think it is possible to plan for 2019.
1. **WSIS Forum 2017**

Yuko and I were contacted by Raymond Morel to send abstracts of our possible participations on a Workshop he is proposing titled "From Sustainable Development Goals SDGs, to unleashing 21st century Global Goals potentials”. Yuko attended and expressed to me that it was a very interesting event. Unfortunately, I could not attend due to work responsabilities.

1. **SEARCC 2017**

Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama invited IFIP GA members to participate in SEARCC 2017 as keynotes . I offered a conference on Gender Digital Equity.

Lalit Sawhney, DEC member, has suggested to organize a workshop at Colombo. I coordinated with Yasas its feasibility, but he recently has had a family tragedy which makes him unable to attend SEARCC 2017.

1. **CSBC 2017**

I was invited to be keynote on Gender Digital Equity in Latin America during the event. The SBC IFIP representative, Raimundo Macedo, asked her to address SBC members on IFIP organizational structure and DEC mechanisms to promote reaching Digital Equity.

1. **CLEI 2017**

I was invited to be keynote on Gender Digital Equity in Latin America as part of LAWCC 2017.

As IFIP Vicepresident, I presented in CLEI´s Management Committee and in CLEI General Assembly, the possibilities DEC offers to support IFIP events in the Region. I also explained that IFIP is trying to organize next WITFOR in Latin America and asked CLEI´s country representatives to think on the possibility to host it.