



2020 IEEE R10 EXCOM MEET

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2019-2020 R10 Conference and Technical Seminar

Committee Chair

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Committee Structure

1. Chair: Michael Ong
2. Members: Arokiaswami Alphones, Brajesh Kumar Kaushik, Fitri Yuli Zulkifli, Huynh Thi Thanh Bin, Lance Fung, Shaikh Fattah, Takako Hashimoto, Wen Yinghong

Objectives

1. Promote, support and maintain good quality R10 flagship conferences.
2. Improve conference quality in conferences organized by Region 10 Sections.
3. Organize technical seminars during R10 meetings.

Projects / Tasks

1. Monitor R10 flagship conferences, provide information and assistance to conference organisers and liaise with IEEE MCE on issues related to conferences.
2. Organize leadership programs and R10 POCO workshops for conference organizers, and working with other regional CTS coordinators for best practices.
3. Provide updates of emerging technologies most relevant to our economic activities and most beneficial to the professional development of our members through technical seminars.

Outcomes

Project 1 – The 2019 R10 Flagship conferences were successfully organized:

- TENSYP – Kolkata, India, 7-9 June
- TENCON – Kerala, India, 17-20 October
- R10 HTC – Depok, Indonesia, 12-14 November

Project 2 – 3 Mini POCOs were successfully organized with R10 financial support by Uttar Pradesh (25 Sep), Bangalore (19 Oct) and Indonesia (12 Nov) Sections. Bhutan Sub-Section was awarded to host a mini POCO but subsequently cancelled it. Queensland Section organized a micro POCO without R10 financial support.

Project 3 – A technical seminar was organized at the National University of Singapore on 11 January in conjunction with the R10 AGM in Singapore. R10 Director, Prof Akinori Nishihara chaired this technical seminar on Smart Cities. The two R10 EXCOM speakers are Profs Takako Hashimoto and Huynh Thi Thanh Binh, with Profs Stefan Winkler and Justin Dauwels from the Singapore Section. There are more than 30 attendees from the local academia and industry.

Finance

1. Project 1 (budgeted \$3,000): \$1,337
2. Project 2 (budgeted \$6,800): \$5,745 + \$370 (accrued payables to refund 3 CLP registrations)
3. Project 3 (budgeted \$1,000): \$0

Total Finance: \$7,082 + \$370 for CLP

Project 1 - Monitor R10 Flagship Conferences

The objectives of this program is to:

- Successful organization and completion of TENCON, TENSYPMP and HTC conferences
 - Selection of suitable Sections and venue for the R10 conferences
 - Sensitize plagiarism, quality and similarity of papers
 - Proper budgeting and auditing of conference accounts
 - Connecting academia to the industry
 - Encourage participations for membership growth
- Growing IEEE's technical communities through innovative and collaborate gatherings

Successfully completion of 2019 R10 flagship conferences:

- TENSYPMP (Technological Innovation for Humanity) – Kolkata, India, 7-9 Jun
- TENCON (Technology, Knowledge and Society) - Kerala, India, 17-20 Oct
- HTC (Advancing Sustainable Green Technologies for Humanities) - Depok, Indonesia, 12-14 Nov

Host Sections for 2020 R10 flagship conferences are:

- TENSYPMP – Dhaka, Bangladesh, 5-7 Jun
- TENCON – Osaka, Japan, 16-19 Nov
- HTC – Kuching, Malaysia, 1-3 Dec

Expression of Interests for 2021 flagship conferences:

- Bangalore Section – **awarded HTC R10 2021**
- Kolkata Section
- New Zealand North Section – **awarded TENCON 2021**
- Seoul Section – **awarded TENSYPMP 2021**

To provide advice and continuous monitoring of the conference organizers for the successful organization and completion of R10 conferences and to ensure good technical quality of conference and excellent conference experience for participants.

Successful completion with good financial surplus for R10 conferences while promoting and maintaining good quality and reputation of R10 conferences.

Project 2 - Organize Conference Leadership Programs and R10 POCO Workshops

The objectives of this program is to:

- Enhance the quality and management of conferences organized in Region 10
- Leadership training for conference organizers to achieve IEEE standard in quality
- Proper budgeting and auditing of conference accounts
- Best practices for conference organizers to sensitize plagiarism and ensure quality conferences
- By sharing our learnings and recommendations with conference organizers, we have the ability to elevate events, processes and results

IEEE Convene was held on 1-2 Aug in Washington, DC. It provides an opportunity for organizers to learn and discuss conferences with each other and the IEEE MCE team, as well as other industry experts. The theme for this year's event is Attendee Experience and topics include:

- What can we do to optimize the attendee experience?
- What new conference industry trends should we be aware of?
- What best practices can you share with your peers?
- What operations need to be in place to achieve optimal success?
- How can we create an inclusive environment at events?

Discussion in the VP Conferences/RCC Meeting on 31 Jul.

Mini POCOs budget \$3,000:

Uttar Pradesh Section (\$1,000), 25 Sep

Bangalore Section (\$750), 19 Oct

Indonesia Section (\$1,000), 12 Nov, in conjunction with R10 HTC

Bhutan Sub-Section - awarded but subsequently canceled organizing the mini POCO

Queensland Section - organized micro POCO without financial support from R10

The mini POCO workshop is a 1-day training session for conference organizers.

CLP budget \$11,250:

Goa, India (\$370 for 3 registration refunds), 17-18 Aug

R10 organized 3 Mini POCOs and 1 CLP in 2019.

To improve the conference quality in the conferences organized by Region 10 Sections and successful organization of conferences.

Project 3 - Organize Technical Seminars

The objectives of this program is to:

- Successful organization and completion of technical seminars in conjunction with the R10 meetings
- Working with the host Sections for good topics and speakers for the technical seminars
- Quality of the presentations
- Promoting IEEE activities with such technical lectures
- Encourage student attendance to grow membership

To propose good topics on emerging technologies that are most relevant to our economic activities and most beneficial to the professional development of the members. Successful completion of technical seminars and attracting new members at these seminars by working closely with the host Section leadership.

In conjunction with R10 EXCOM meeting in Singapore, the R10 technical seminar was held at the National University of Singapore on 12 January 2019. The objective of this seminar is to promote IEEE membership by introducing IEEE activities and giving technical lectures that are relevant to the local economic activities and beneficial to the professional development of the members. We also encourage student attendance to grow membership in Singapore.

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