

Renewal of Sister Society Agreement between HTE and IEEE ComSoc

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The Scientific Association for Infocommunications (HTE) is currently renewing the Sister Society Agreement with the IEEE Communications Society (IEEE ComSoc). The terms of the agreement were settled already, and the agreement is to be signed in the following weeks. But what does it really mean to be a Sister Society of IEEE ComSoc?

The Communications Society, established in 1952, is one of the largest societies inside IEEE. Its main task is to bring together industry professionals and academics with a common interest in advancing all communication technologies, and enable them to interact across international and technological borders, in order to produce publications, organize conferences, foster educational programs, and work on technical committees.

IEEE ComSoc has 24 Sister Societies, in countries such as Japan, Brazil, South Africa, Germany or France, to name just a few. HTE is the only Sister Society from Hungary, with the agreement being now renewed for the period 2009-2012. The main goal of these bi-lateral agreements is to foster participation at scientific conferences, or publication in technical journals, with equal terms for the members of the signing parties. To be more specific, members of HTE will be able for example to register for ComSoc sponsored meetings and conferences (e.g., Globecom, ICC, WCNC) at IEEE member rates. Also, members of HTE can subscribe to ComSoc publications (e.g., IEEE Transactions on Communications or IEEE JSAC) at reduced Sister Society rates, they can

participate in the ComSoc Technical Committees (TC), being eligible to vote and to be elected as TC officers. IEEE ComSoc may also provide technical co-sponsorship for established HTE-sponsored meetings and conferences, at no additional fee.

And last but not least, the most important point as far as our journal is concerned is the agreement that IEEE ComSoc will review for publication yearly the best one or two articles previously published in the Infocommunications Journal edited by HTE. These articles will then be published in the appropriate ComSoc journal or magazine. As all the other points from the agreement, this one is also reciprocal, meaning that the Infocommunications Journal will also include yearly one or two papers previously published in an IEEE ComSoc journal or magazine.

We hope that this agreement will represent a further incentive for the Hungarian but also for other researchers to join HTE, and to publish their work in our journal, helping us in achieving our goal to continuously improve the scientific level of our publications.

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