THE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY (COMSOC)
of
THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS, INC.
and
VERBAND DER ELEKTROTECHNIK ELEKTRONIK INFORMATIONSTECHNIK (VDE)
for the
INFORMATIOSTECHNISCHE GESELLSCHAFT (ITG)

Cooperation Agreement

This agreement is between the Communications Society (ComSoc) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) and the and Verband Der Elektrotechnik Elektronik Informationstechnik of the Informatiotechnische Gesellschaft (VDE/ITG) hereafter referred to as the "organizations". "Members" hereafter refer to individual members.

To implement this agreement, the following conditions are agreed upon:

I. Members of ComSoc are encouraged to submit papers to VDE/ITG-sponsored meetings with the same privileges and limitations as VDE/ITG members. Conversely, members of VDE/ITG are encouraged to submit papers to ComSoc-sponsored meetings with the same privileges and limitations as ComSoc members.

II. Members of VDE/ITG (ComSoc) may register for ComSoc (VDE/ITG) sponsored meetings at IEEE (VDE/ITG) member rates. To implement this procedure, VDE/ITG (ComSoc) members must indicate on the meeting registration form or at the registration desk that they are a member of VDE/ITG (ComSoc).

III. Members of VDE/ITG (ComSoc) may subscribe to ComSoc (VDE/ITG) publications at Sister-Society rates. (Please refer to the Publications Side Agreement, if applicable.)

The following stipulations apply:

A. VDE/ITG (ComSoc) members may separately purchase individual ComSoc (VDE/ITG) publications.

B. Each organization will annually review sister-society rates for publications; rates for a given year should be set in accord with IEEE policies and procedures.

C. Subscription rates for each organization will include an option to receive print publications, if print versions are available, via airfreight at a price set by the organization.

D. Each organization's publications, if they are available in print, will be shipped directly from the printer to the respective individual subscribers; there will be no bulk shipments of print publications.

E. Each organization will promote the sale of the other Society's publications to its members by including advertisements in promotional literature and publications; promotions by VDE/ITG and ComSoc will be within legal limits permitted to non-profit organizations.

F. ComSoc (VDE/ITG) will annually invoice VDE/ITG (ComSoc) subscribers to their publications; individual subscribers will make subscriptions payments to the sister society.

IV. ComSoc will provide an option to VDE/ITG members for Affiliate Membership, thereby providing the same privileges as ComSoc members for ComSoc publications subscriptions, access capabilities to ComSoc on-line publications, and technical activities.

The following stipulations apply:
A. Regular VDE/ITG Members (or higher grade) are eligible for Affiliate Membership in ComSoc.

B. ComSoc will review the Affiliate Member fee annually; the fee for a given year should be set by the 30 of June of the preceding year.

C. An Affiliate Member will receive a monthly digital edition of IEEE Communications Magazine at no additional cost.

D. VDE/ITG will promote ComSoc Affiliate Membership by including advertisements, application forms (prepared by ComSoc) in VDE/ITG promotional literature, and publications.

V. ComSoc (VDE/ITG) will extend privileges to VDE/ITG (ComSoc) and cooperate with each other to promote mutual prosperity.

Both organizations agree to the following items:

A. ComSoc may consider for publication in any of its peer-reviewed magazines no more than two sister-society-sponsored original technical feature articles each calendar year. The article(s) will be prepared by VDE/ITG on a subject that is mutually agreed upon by VDE/ITG and ComSoc. An VDE/ITG officer will manage the preparation of these feature articles, submitting them in English to the appropriate ComSoc magazine's Editor in Chief, who will in turn collaborate with ComSoc's Director of Magazines. Such publication of original work shall be subject to appropriate ComSoc and VDE/ITG copyright ownership requirements, conform to ComSoc's publications procedures, policies, and manuals (including IEEE's Publication Services and Products operations). Review and acceptance of the paper(s) is at the sole discretion of the appropriate ComSoc magazine's Editor in Chief, whose decisions are final. Also, as appropriate, see the Publications Side agreement, Section 1.1 for related principles.

B. VDE/ITG might publish (in any of its publications) at least one article every year that has appeared in a ComSoc magazine or journal, such collaboration with appropriate VDE/ITG Directors and ComSoc Directors of Magazines and Journals (reference the Publications Side Agreement).

C. ComSoc may provide technical co-sponsorship to established VDE/ITG -sponsored meetings and conferences, provided that these meetings/conferences comply with ComSoc technical co-sponsorship policies. The ComSoc technical co-sponsorship application fee will be waived.

D. VDE/ITG (ComSoc) will publicize the ComSoc (VDE/ITG) web site and its URL by including advertisements prepared by ComSoc (VDE/ITG) in VDE/ITG (ComSoc) publications.

E. VDE/ITG (ComSoc) will provide the opportunity to advertise to its members via a branded e-mail message and/or appropriate space in a regularly scheduled electronic member communication, such as ComSoc e-News.

F. VDE/ITG members are encouraged to participate in ComSoc Technical Committees and vote in Technical Committee elections.

G. ComSoc will include a link to its sister society web site information provided by VDE/ITG on a yearly basis or as frequently as appropriate; said information may include link(s) to their web site, list of society events, goals, structure, contact information, etc.

H. This agreement is valid for the calendar years _2015-2018_ (4 years).

I. VDE/ITG (ComSoc) will maintain an administrator for this agreement. That contact information can be found at www.comsoc.org; go to "About ComSoc" and "Sister Societies."
VI. Either Organization may withdraw from this agreement at any time upon written notification to the other Organization at least one year in advance. The effective date of termination shall coincide with the end of the calendar year.

For and on behalf of
The Communications Society (ComSoc) of
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New York, NY, USA

Sergio Benedetto, President
Date:

For and on behalf of
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