

## IFIP Board Meeting in Kiev, Ukraine, October 2019



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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

### **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Kiev, Ukraine**

## 1. Attendance List

M Hinchey	President
G Marin-Raventos	Vice President
Y Murayama	Vice President
K Rannenber	Vice President
M Bramer	Vice President
M Goedicke	Councillor
R Macedo	Councillor
Jee-In Kim	Councillor
J Nawrocky	Councillor
F Rammig	Councillor
A Wong	Councillor
D Brady	Honorary Treasurer
A Min Tjoa	Honorary Secretary
Amit Joshi	InterYIT (part time)
E Dundler	IFIP General Secretary

## 2. Businesss Matters

Mr Hinchey opened the Board meeting and welcomed the present participants. He explained the rationale behind the decision to split GA into a Board meeting and the General Assembly. This split is an attempt to streamline the General Assembly by transfer of the full Committee reports to the Board meeting and to bring to General Assembly a condensed report of the outcome of the Board meeting. As this was a first experiment, General Assembly will be asked whether this could be the procedure for future General Assemblies.

The Honorary Secretary Mr Tjoa announced the Board attendance and apologies received (please refer to the attendance list). With the present attendance the IFIP Board meeting has a quorum to take decisions.

Mr Hinchey asked the Board for approval of the agenda for the Board meeting in March 2019.

The Board unanimously **APPROVED** the agenda.

## 3. Nomination Committee

**Mr. Bramer** explained that the current Chair of the Nominations Committee is nominated for an office, therefore he will lead the elections for IFIP offices.

He informed the Board that for all open offices sufficient nominations were received. Therefor the election will follow the sequence as election of Vice Presidents, election of Honorary Treasurer and election of Councillors.

#### 4. Admissions Committee

**Mr Bramer** reported from Admissions Committee that no applications for membership have been received during the year since the 2018 General Assembly.

This reinforces the view that he has previously expressed elsewhere, that for the Federation to develop or even just to maintain its current level of influence in a rapidly expanding field, IFIP need to look for alternative types of membership whilst preserving the core role of Country Representative Members and Members at Large. A proposal for a new category of membership, University Affiliates, will be coming to the General Assembly.

Some ideas were raised and will be submitted to the Member Societies Assembly for work in a stronger fashion.

#### 5. Publications Committee

**Mr Rannenberg** presented the Publications report (please see full report at <https://www.ifip.org/images/stories/ifip/members/GA2019/Reports/it%2006%20pc%20report%20to%20ga2019.pdf> .

**Mr Rannenberg** presented selected highlights from written report, as there were,

- a) The publications contract with Springer running since 2015 will end 2019-Dec-31. The contract will automatically extended by 5 years, unless notice is given by 2019-03-31. IFIP gave notice, so are negotiating now end 2019-Dec-31.
- b) Development of AICT: The active AICT sub-lines are Tutorials, Surveys and State of the art. Incoming Sub-line “Festschrifts” is for honouring individual researchers or institutions and their work or field and are typically invited contributions. The idea was welcomed by Springer. In order to increase the visibility for IFIP TCs in the Springer AICT, the relation between the AICT Editorial Board members and the respective TCs are now shown both on AICT website and AICT book front matter. The IFIP 60-year edition with papers from TCs/WGs will be published in AICT.
- c) Springer offer for Open Access in the new contract: Whole proceedings can be made open access for
  - 30 EUR per page for the 1st 2 proceedings per year
  - 28 EUR per page for additional proceedings
- d) Springer contract 9 tentative changes:
  - Access to IFIP Springer publications:
    - o IFIP is asked by MS and TCs to provide more open access and less embargo.
    - o The Springer team reported, that change in the embargo time has a direct impact on revenue and is therefore extremely sensitive. Their support of the IFIP DL Archive solution has not made the team particularly popular in the company.
    - o As a partial approach on the issue of the embargo a non-complicated membership solution will be implemented. People can register with name, email address and name of IFIP member society at IFIP website once a year. This will then go to Springer who will issue to each e-address an access token to IFIP publications valid

for a year. The checking of the membership is in the domain of the member society.

- IFIP Select can have per year 20 Springer articles for free for a period of 8 months each (and then an additional 4 months via SharedIt).
- Royalty per page is to rise from 3.25 EUR to 3.50 EUR.
- Springer wants to reduce the number of free printed copies of proceedings from 49 to 25 per conference. This will set many event organizers back (even though in future mailing of the proceedings shall be free).
  - o To mitigate the issue there will be 25 free copies as a standard and another 25 for free on demand.
  - o The approach will be evaluated after 2 years of the new contract period. Springer will provide IFIP with the information which event went for which option in the past years to assess, what is popular.
- Open access conditions for complete proceedings
  - o Conditions are integrated (Para 10 i.a) and without requiring a minimum number of proceedings (which was 2 in the earlier negotiations). Prices per page are 4 EUR higher than at the option without royalties.
  - o IFIP is requested to explore more marketing options for this.
- Springer is concerned, that in some cases post-proceedings of events take very long (longer than a year, sometimes two), and then the proceedings outdate.
  - o So Springer would like to introduce a 9-months deadline for delivering the papers of the post-proceedings to Springer.
  - o Springer will provide free printed copies for post-conference proceedings only, if the files are sent within 9 months after the conference. Otherwise only temporary free online access is offered.
  - o New events in their first two instances are exempted.
- “The Society will notify the Publisher about Proceedings planned for publication by sending a preliminary plan (for the upcoming year) by September and a revised plan in March of the current year. The Society can revise the plan anytime, but at least four months before the start of the specific event.”. This may cause problems with postponed and freshly starting events, but is meant as a pragmatic support for Springer, not as an exclusion criterion.
  - o The plan will be delivered from IFIP HQ with best effort to help Springer plan its resources.
  - o Event organizers will be asked in the event management system, whether they intend to go for Springer or not and whether they plan pre-proceedings or post-proceedings.
  - o The approval letter from IFIP will include a strong recommendation to contact Springer ASAP and not just some time later.
- “The Society supports the Publisher by offering a free registration for a Publisher's representative at selected conferences, symposia or workshops, and by providing a table for the display of publications.”.
  - o This was agreed. It will go into the approval condition for IFIP events (e.g. in the IFIP event management system).
- “The Publisher offers the Program Committee the use of a plagiarism checking software, currently Crossref Similarity Check powered by iThenticate, during the peer review process. The PC Chairs should contact Springer about 2 weeks before the access is needed, specifying the expected number of submissions.”



e) IFIP Digital Library

**Mr Rannenberg** informed the Board that several features implemented that were not initially provided by the Inria Hal system ( <https://hal.inria.fr/IFIP> )

- Browse by e.g. TC, WG, conference, author, year
- Inclusion of proceedings front matter (Preface, TOC, etc.)
- TOC listings include book sections with titles
- Appropriate designation of sub-lines such as Survey, Tutorial, etc.
- Metrics per paper (views, downloads, Altmetric data)

**Mr Rannenberg** informed the Board that Open Access is available under the following conditions:

- Authors' copies of IFIP Springer publications (after 3 years embargo) from 2010 and more and more earlier ones
- Open Access to IFIP Springer publications from 2013 (4 years embargo) back till 2005 and many earlier ones back till 1995
- Open Access to some non-Springer publications authors' copies (IFIP eCollection)

**Mr Rannenberg** informed the Board that the "IFIP eCollections" (non-Springer publications) series is now open and workable. The upload of publications will cost 10 EUR per paper.

f) IFIP Select – Selected papers for IT Professionals

The rationale behind this project is to distribute a selection of „best“ papers from IFIP events to a wider audience via IFIP's website. The plan is to publish 2 to 3 issues with 5 to 7 papers each. The TC Chairs are invited to nominate papers on a regular basis 2 papers from the last 18 months. Springer agreed to free access for these papers. Mr Jan Pries-Heje is the editor and Ms Elizabeth Eastwood is reviewer from practitioner perspective. The first issue has been published in March 2019.

**Mr Rannenberg** presented the plan for the next editions of IFIP Select:

Deadline 2: 2019-10-01      Publication before end of 2019

Deadline 3: 2019-12-15      Publication in March 2020

Deadline 4: 2020-04-15      Publication in summer 2020

g) Next Steps

**Mr Rannenberg** informed the Board about the next tasks for the Publications Committee:

- Completing negotiations with Springer
- Integration of publication page (subset) with IFIP's upcoming "outward-looking" web pages
- Non-Springer publications ("IFIP eCollections" series) in operation
  - o For quality assurance some steps taken by Springer need to be done within IFIP.
  - o Conference organizers will need to do more than when publishing with Springer.
  - o Working towards referencing by DBLP
  - o Checking with Inria about document formats beyond PDF
- Integration of TC 6 DL
- Integration of other documents (not necessarily peer-reviewed), e.g. ALGOL report in a separate "extraordinary" collection.

## 6. International Liaison Committee

**Mr Hinchey** presented the report of the activities of the International Liaison Committee since last General Assembly in September 2018 and an outlook on the coming months:

- **AI Forum, Vienna** has been held in conjunction with the Austrian Ministry for Traffic, Innovation and Technology in May 2019. Among others Sir Roger Penrose gave a keynote.
- **UNESCO** has invited IFIP to hold its celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September 2020 in Paris, France.
- **UNCTAD** (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development): At their conference IFIP organized a side event on Ethics and was highly involved in the discussion of a project on professionalism
- **WSIS**: Mainly IP3 were active at three events in 2019 in Geneva. More events for 2020 are in preparation.
- **AI for Good**: IP3 was active involved in the AI for Good Global Summit in 2019 with a workshop. Plans for 2020 are under preparation.

## 7. Digital Equity Committee

**Ms Marin-Raventos** presented the report from the Digital Equity Committee and said, that in 2018 DEC had a budget of 12.000 EUR. During the first two calls 12.000 euros were allocated. Since at the end of the year it was known that some activities would not be able to invest the funds received, an additional call has distributed. Thus, during 2018, a total of 13.000 EUR were allocated but only 6.804,30 EUR were reimbursed.

For 2019 the total budget is 12.000 EUR. This year, most of the budget, 11.500 EUR, was distributed during the first call. However, 8.500 EUR were allocated to events that will take place before the second call, whose deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This fact allowed DEC to reassign unreimbursed funds. 2.000 EUR were allocated for the second call.

As in 2018, an extraordinary funding request was received after the deadline for the second call. 3.000 EUR were allocated to an early 2020 event. This amount has added to the budget for 2020 with the Treasurer's approval, with the justification that in previous years some "not used" money was transferred to the following years. Thus 2020 total DEC budget will be 15.000 EUR instead of 12.000 EUR.

**Ms Marin-Raventos** explained in detail the requests for 2019:

1. Automata 2019  
Requested: 2.000 EUR proposed funding: 2.000 EUR reimbursed: 1.802 EUR
2. WG 8.6 Conference at Ghana Conference Center, Legon, Accra, Ghana  
Requested: 1.400 EUR proposed funding: 1.400 EUR reimbursed: 1.400 EUR
3. WG 9.4 Conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
Requested: 7.350 EUR proposed funding: 3.100 EUR reimbursed: 1.735 EUR

4. INTERACT 2019 in Paphos, Cyprus  
Requested: 6.000 EUR proposed funding: 3.000 EUR reimbursed: 3.000 EUR
5. SUZA 2019 in Zanzibar, Tanzania  
Requested: 2.000 EUR proposed funding: 2.000 EUR reimbursed: 987 EUR
6. I3E 2019 (WG 6.11) in Trondheim, Norway  
Requested: 2.000 EUR proposed funding: 2.000 EUR reimbursed: 750 EUR
7. OCCE 2020 in Mumbai, India  
Requested: 3.000 EUR proposed funding: 3.000 EUR goes to 2020 budget
8. TFC 2019 in Marrakesh, Morocco  
Requested: 1.500 EUR proposed funding: 1.500 EUR

**Ms Marin-Raventos** informed the Board about activities done by DEC members:

- WG 9.4 Conference, 15th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries “Strengthening Southern-driven cooperation as a catalyst for ICT4D”, May 2019, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Workshop on Digital Equity
- TC3 SUZA, Digital Equity was a natural part of the conference “Sustainable ICT, Education and Learning” in April 2019 in Zanzibar. Important: Zanzibar declaration (Mr. Morel will report on this).
- Latinity 2019, August 2019, San José, Costa Rica, Panel on Gender Digital Gap (Ms Marin-Raventos was the panel moderator-- México, Colombia, Perú and Costa Rica).
- The next OCCE 2020 conference in Mumbai, 6th -8th January focus on “Empowering teaching for digital equity and agency”.

**Ms Marin-Raventos** reported that DEC is working on a concept for more support to Developing Countries.

The Board **AGREED** to support DEC with a new concept.

## 8. Professionalism (IP3)

**Mr Wong** presented the highlights from the Annual report of IP3. Please find full report at

<https://www.ifip.org/images/stories/ifip/members/GA2019/Reports/it%2009%20ifip%20ip3%20annual%20report%202018-2019%20v2.0.pdf> .

### World Summit for Information Society (WSIS)

- As a supporting partner, IFIP was invited to participate in a High-Level Strategic Dialogue on “ICTs for achieving SDGs” during the official opening segment. Mike Hinchey invited Moira to speak on behalf of IFIP. The questions she responded to were : How can we make ICT safe for everyone, to ensure that it can support the achievement of the SDGs, and provide economic opportunity without undue risk?; and What role can a global body like IFIP play in achieving ICTs for SDGs?  
IFIP was recognised as a supporting partner at the official reception and received a certificate. ITU Secretary-General Houlin Zhao expressed his appreciation for IFIP’s support over the years.

- As IP3 has since 2012, IP3 hosted a Thematic Workshop at WSIS in Geneva. In 2019, IP3 presented a Thematic Workshop entitled “How do we maximise the benefits of Innovative 4.0 technologies, without unnecessary risks and consequences? As Innovative 4.0 Technologies including AI and algorithmic decision-making bring economic and societal benefits in many areas of our human endeavours, how do we maximise the benefits without exposing our Society to unnecessary consequences and risks?”  
Moira de Roche chaired the session, and Stephen Ibaraki addressed “Life and Enterprise with Industry 4.0 to Society 5.0 and the 5th Machine Age— investments, the landscape, disruptive technologies and economic opportunities”. Sadly Anthony Wong, who was to present on “Cyber-security – A multi-disciplinary approach”, was taken ill, and was unable to deliver his presentations remotely. IP3 did however show some of the slides, so that the subject was not left out. IP3 was delighted to include Austeja Trinkunaite, CEPIS Secretary-General, and Liesbeth Ruoff, KNVI, in the panel. Both are very involved in Initiatives in promoting IT professionalism across Europe. Austeja presented on the standardisation of all four pillars of ICT profession in Europe which is led by TC428 and is part of the European Committee for Standardisation. It is supported by IT Professionalism Europe network which brings together stakeholders to exchange best practice in maturing the IT profession, whilst Liesbeth provided insights on frameworks to support digital skills, explaining that people are the distinctive factor. The workshop was closed by Mike Hinchey, who commented on all the subjects covered.
- Mike Hinchey, Liesbeth Ruoff, Raymond Morel, Yuko Murayama and Moira de Roche visited Shamika and her team at CSTD. The purpose of this meeting was to ask for their support, and hopefully some introductions to possible funders. The proposal has been further developed and Liesbeth has stayed in touch with CSTD.

#### The Ethics & Regulation of Artificial Intelligence:

**Mr Wong** reported that he gave a keynote to NITC 2019 “Embrace Digital” in Colombo, Sri Lanka 9th October 2019.

#### Future of Professionalism for Digital Skills Around the World:

This project is led by Ms Liesbeth Ruoff (KNVI) and it uses the “The future of productivity report” from the OECD 2015 as a basis. The goals and deliverables set in this proposal are

- to make a repository of best practices, frameworks and use cases worldwide around the development and the usage of frontline digital technology;
- practical recommendations based on findings;
- start a platform of experts based on the inventory of best practices and use cases around the development of the ICT profession.

The next steps are seek for funding and completing the necessary research. A detailed project plan and project team will follow.

IFIP IP3 David O’Leary Award by Redds Capital, in recognition of contribution to the development of Professionalism in ICT. The price funded for three years from Kay Family Foundation consists of a cash prize & travel expenses to GA and is an acknowledgement to an individual or organization that has promoted and demonstrated Professionalism (Professional Practice), has worked as an Ethics Evangelist, and/or has made strides in fostering diversity.

First winner to be awarded at IFIP’s General Assembly on 12 October 2019.



**Mr Wong** presented to the Board the members of the IP3 Board as elected and confirmed at AGM Oct 11, 2019 in Kiev, Ukraine:

- IP3 Chair: Moira de Roche (IITPSA)
- IP3 Deputy Chair: Anthony Wong (ACS)
- IP3 Vice Chair (Strategic Relations): Stephen Ibaraki
- IP3 Vice Chair (SAC): Adrian Schofield
- Margaret Havey (CIPS)
- Jee-In Kim (KIISE)
- Liesbeth Ruoff (KNVI)

#### IP3 Plans for 2020:

- o Ethics in Professional Practice in Collaboration with TC9
- o Re-accreditation of CIPS, ACS and IITPSA
- o Trust and Duty of Care in Digital campaign continues
  - o Speaking engagements
  - o Blog
- o Future of Professionalism for Digital Skills Around the World Project - Led by Liesbeth Ruoff in partnership with CSTD
  - o Proposed Project with Rotary International for sponsorship and partnership on ICT Professionalism and Skills in the design and development of AI and Emerging technologies: Ethics, Transparency & Accessibility
- o WSIS March, Geneva 2020
- o Ai for Good, ITU Geneva 2019

## **9. Membership & Marketing Committee**

**Mr Bramer** presented the report from the Membership & Marketing Committee.

- o 'Association IT Ukraine' was approved for membership at the 2018 General Assembly. The society has now paid its first member dues and so becomes the Federation's first National Member at Large.
- o Hungary has terminated its membership for 'internal' reasons.
- o Denmark has also decided to terminate its long-standing membership effect from the end of December 2018.
- o Spain (ATI) has also terminated its membership. Discussions are under way about a possible replacement Country Representative Member.
- o Problems have been experienced by the Computer Society of Iran in paying its annual membership dues because of international sanctions against the government of that country. At its meeting in February 2019 the Executive Committee decided to defer payment of dues as long as that situation continues. Thus, CSI remains as a member of IFIP.
- o Four other societies have unpaid membership fees. If they remain unpaid, their membership will be terminated at the end of 2019.
- o No new applications for membership have been received since the 2018 General Assembly.

Overall the Federation's membership remains in long-term decline, even though there are far more people involved in the Information Processing field than ever before and despite the introduction of a new category of membership, Member at Large. Late payment of membership dues remains a perennial problem.

**Mr Bramer** informed the Board that the Membership Benefits leaflet and the Member Societies leaflet were sent to all member societies with their renewal invoices. Offers have been made to prepare two further leaflets, one about publishing books and the other about organising events, but they have not yet been received.

The most important innovation since the General Assembly has been the production of the first in a new regular series of IFIP Annual Reports. The report is for session 2017-18, covering the period between the 2017 and 2018 General Assemblies. The annual report has been produced in paper form as a printed booklet of 133 pages. It contains reports from 23 of our member societies and all 13 Technical Committees as well as IFIP Officers, the IFIP Historian, chairs of Standing Committees, the Technical and Member Societies Assemblies, IP3 and one of the Domain Committees, plus a report on the 24<sup>th</sup> World Computer Congress. It has been sent in paper form to all members of the General Assembly and to all member societies with their membership renewal invoices and has also been placed online for downloading from the IFIP website home page. Mr Bramer would particularly like to thank IFIP's General Secretary for his work on assembling and producing this new publication.

#### Discount Scheme

The policy of IFIP events giving a discount of at least 10% on registration fees to all members of IFIP member societies is now fully operational, with many new events approved since the policy was introduced at the 2017 General Assembly, potentially benefitting any one of the half million or so individual members of our member societies.

#### Observations

IFIP is essentially a network of societies that come together for their mutual benefit. The more members there are in the Federation, the more beneficial the grouping will be for each of the members and the more influence it will have. A falling membership is likely to have the opposite effect. At present IFIP's membership is falling while our technology is becoming all pervasive and the need for a forum to discuss and act on social and ethical issues as well as technical ones is of greater importance than ever before. In my view, as well as increasing the number of 'traditional' members we need to diversify our membership by bringing in a wider range of national and international bodies, plus major companies and other organisations and – not least – leading universities. A proposal to establish an 'academic affiliates' scheme was discussed at the last General Assembly and is an agenda item for this meeting of the Board. It is intended to make a detailed proposal to the 2019 General Assembly for changes to Statutes and Bylaws to establish the scheme.

The task of increasing and diversifying our membership is so important that it cannot be left to any one individual or any committee to deal with it. Rather, it needs to be a concern of the whole of the General Assembly, which of course includes the Board and the Executive Committee. At the last two General Assemblies I have made three requests for input from members, which I will repeat here. So far none of them has produced any reaction.

(1) We need to be much more proactive over recruitment of new member societies, especially National Members at Large, rather than simply waiting for applications to come in. General Assembly members are well placed to identify 'prospects' in their

countries. The Membership and Marketing Committee can then draw up a shortlist of potential new members, with a reasonable chance of success. If every national society member identified one other society in the same country our total membership could rapidly rise. **Suggestions wanted!**

(2) Having drawn up a 'prospects list' we need to consider how best each one should be approached. General Assembly members have a considerable number of contacts worldwide. At present the work of visiting and talking to potential members almost always falls on the President, but it is much too large a task for any one individual and I would like to see all GA members, especially the elected Officers and Councillors more actively involved in this task. **Offers of help wanted!**

(3) We have the first two in a planned series of information leaflets, printed on light card as a double-sided A4 sheet folded to form a four-page A5 leaflet, but more are needed.

Much of this information can be extracted from the website (although not always in a 'focussed' form) but it is unlikely that officials of either current or potential new member societies spend much time studying either our website or our social media and it may be helpful to draw what we do to their attention in a more tangible and durable form. I see the most important priority as being to produce a booklet on 'Benefits of Organising an IFIP Event'. **Offers of help welcome!**

IFIP has an associated community that is far wider than the member societies and General Assembly members. It also includes the 400 or so members of our Technical Committees, the 3,000 or so members of our Working Groups, plus our Domain Committees, IP3 and InterYIT, plus the thousands of people who attend IFIP-sponsored or IFIP-organised events each year.

Given a reasonable amount of dedicated additional part-time administrative support, there is a great deal that could be done to keep our community proactively informed about our range of activities, forthcoming events etc., on a regular scheduled basis, as well as developing an expanded portfolio of both paper and online documents, identifying new marketing opportunities, establishing GDPR-compliant mailing lists of event delegates, members of Working Groups and other entities, plus much more.

We also need to look closely at the 'product' we are trying to 'sell'. Diversifying our types of membership is not only desirable in its own right, but offers the prospect of an important new stream or streams of income. Creating Members at Large was a step in the right direction; so was establishing InterYIT. The Academic Affiliates proposal is another. However diversification should not end there.

In my view the task of increasing and diversifying our membership is fundamental to the future success of the Federation. If the General Assembly shares this view it needs to act much more proactively to bring change about. The most committed members of the GA are likely to be the Officers and Councillors, all of whom have been elected to represent the member societies' interests, so I look particularly to you for support in this venture and would particularly appreciate any offers of help or advice in relation to items (1) to (3) above.

## 10. IFIP Website Development

**Mr Bramer** informed the Board about the updates have been made to the website since his report to the 2018 General Assembly. These are described briefly and illustrated below.

(1) Five new video clips have been added to the [ifip.org/visitors](http://ifip.org/visitors) site to add to the four already there. He recorded them on an iPad during or shortly after the 2018 General Assembly in Poznan. Further recordings are welcome and should be sent to either him or the General Secretary for uploading to the site.

(2) The six 'featured articles from IFIP Insights' on the [ifip.org/visitors](http://ifip.org/visitors) home page have automatically been updated as new entries are uploaded to the [ifipnews.org](http://ifipnews.org) website.

(3) The display of General Assembly members on the main home page has been improved by adding photographs on an optional basis.

(4) The 'curated journal' IFIP Select has been added to the website. A new menu entry has been added.

(5) The online nomination facility for IFIP Fellows has been given much improved error handling facilities, avoiding the need for re-entering information when a compulsory field is left blank or some other data entry mistake is made.

The General Secretary has been given facilities for editing nominations for all awards to correct errors and to delete duplicate or erroneous entries.

In order to make it easier for the General Secretary to focus on just the nominations that need to be worked on, options are provided to filter the nominations, with the default view being of all the awards for the current year onwards. The data can be filtered to display just a single award, and to view them for all years, a specific year, or from a specific year onwards. The data can also be sorted either by reference number (in the order it was input), or by status (whether it has been considered / supported / not supported etc).

Additional status options have also been added to the system to reflect the full range of recommendations available to the various award panels. The status of each entry can be set to 'No recommendation from awards committee', 'Not supported by awards committee', 'Supported by awards committee', 'Supported for Service Award by awards committee' (only for silver core nominations), or 'Auerbach Award nomination supported by awards committee and the Board' (only for Auerbach Award nominations). The default setting for all types of award is 'No recommendation from awards committee'.

(6) Information about Associate Membership has been added to the Membership mini-site at [ifip.org/membership](http://ifip.org/membership).

The 'Join IFIP' page has been altered to draw attention to information about the various types of membership, to make it clear that applications may only be uploaded by those authorised to do so on behalf of their organisations and that any incomplete applications will not be considered.

(7) The facilities for Admissions Committee members and the General Secretary to view membership applications have been improved. They can now choose to view all

membership applications, all non-deleted applications or only those that remain undecided.

The General Secretary has been given an editing facility which can be used to correct errors in entries.

Membership applications can now be given seven possible statuses: 'No recommendation from the Admissions Committee' (the default), 'Not eligible for this category of membership', 'AC recommends that GA approves the proposal', 'AC recommends that GA rejects the proposal', 'Proposal approved by GA', 'Proposal Rejected by GA' and 'Deleted'. The 'Deleted' status should be used if the application is seriously incomplete or duplicated.

(8) Finally, the documentation and website maintenance facilities provided for the General Secretary have been significantly improved and expanded and detailed information on maintaining the home page has been added.

## 11. InterYIT

**Mr Yoshi** presented the report from InterYIT (International Young ICT Professionals group) and showed the working objectives of InterYIT for 2019 – 20:

- To encourage the professional growth of Young Professionals around the world.
- Be the umbrella organization for all Young IT groups that are directly and indirectly working with national computer societies.
- Foster communication between Young IT Groups.
- Encourage the creation of new Youth IT Groups within member societies who does not currently have such representation.
- Promote representation of young professionals in the computer societies as well as within IFIP.
- Be the linkage between young professionals and IFIP ( [www.ifip.org](http://www.ifip.org) ).
- Be able to connect with more youth through Universities.

The InterYIT board expects to expand its services to support young professionals around the world as well as to strengthen groups of young professionals who are in the field of IT.

**Mr Yoshi** informed the Board of the impressive number of events were InterYIT was strongly involved in 2018 / 2019. In most of these events IFIP was represented by the President Mike Hinchey:

- World Conference on Smart Trends In Systems, Security and Sustainability (WS4 2018) in London, UK.
- InterYIT IFIP Workshop on IP Innovation For Young IT Professionals in Kolkata, India
- The World Thematic Conference-Bio Medical Engineering And Computational Intelligence (BioCom2018) in London, UK
- International Workshop on Augmented Reality with IoT in Sitapura, Jaipur, India
- SEARCC Executive Council Meeting and SEARCC Awards 2018 in Colombo , Sri Lanka
- International Conference on Engineering Trends In Science, Engineering & Management (ETSEM) in Alwar, India
- Third International Conference on Smart Trends For Computing and Communications
- (SmartCom 2019) in Bangkok, Thailand



- Fourth International Congress on Information and Communication And Technology (ICICT 2019) in London, UK
- The Association of Thai ICT Industry (ATCI) in Bangkok, Thailand: IFIP President – Mike Hinchey and InterYIT Chair – Amit Joshi visited the Director –Thong Tangsitrakul and discussed for development of activities and support and involve young professionals in Thailand and also laid the beginning to initiate talks with ATCI to become member of IFIP.
- InterYIT IT Connect in Canada, Toronto
- International Conference on ICT For Sustainable Development In Concurrent (ICT4SD 2019) in Goa, Panaji, India
- World Publication and Conference Summit ( World Pubcon 2019 ) in Goa, Panaji, India
- World Conference on Smart Trends In Systems, Security And Sustainability (WS4 2019) in London, UK
- Youth It Talk in Kolkata, India
- Topic - How To Write Research Paper in Pune, India
- Topic - Research Publication On High Impact Journal in Pune, India

**Mr Yoshi** presented the plan for rest of 2019 and 2020:

- ITAF- The First World Conference On Internet Of Things : Applications & Future (2019) Dates - 14th – 15th October, Egypt
- Youth In ICT Workshop (2019) – InterYIT Organised Dates - 12th December 2019, Udaipur, India
- Fourth International Conference On Information and Communication Technology For Competitive Strategies (ICTCS 2019) Dates - 13th – 14th December 2019, Venue - The Institution of Engineers (India) Udaipur Local Centre, Udaipur
- International Conference on Smart Trends For Computing and Communications (SMARTCOM 2020) Dates - 23rd – 24th January 2020 , Venue- Hotel Novotel, Siam Square, Bangkok --- Supported by InterYIT
- International Congress On Information and Communication Technology In Concurrent With ICT Excellence Awards (ICICT 2020) Dates - 20th - 21st February, Venue- Newton Room, Hamilton Centre, London ---- Supported by InterYIT
- International Conference on Information and Communication Technology For Intelligent Systems (ICTIS 2020) Dates - 3rd – 4th April, Venue – Pride Plaza Hotel, Ahmedabad, India. ----- Supported by InterYIT
- Youth IT Forum – Digital Economy at WSIS 2020 [ World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2020 ] Dates – 28th March 2020, Venue – Geneva, Switzerland
- Youth IT Connect Program Dates – 24th April, Venue – Namibia University of Science and Technology

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