

Changes Coming for IEEE Technically Cosponsored Conferences

During the February 2014 IEEE Board of Directors Meeting Series, a motion was adopted to change the way that IEEE meetings, conferences, and events (MCE) expenses associated with conference technical cosponsorship (TCS) are allocated. Effective for TCS conferences held after 31 December 2015, for any TCS conference in which there is no (0%) IEEE financial interest, IEEE

organizational units (OUs) that technically cosponsor the conference will be charged a fee:

- This fee will be US\$1,000 plus US\$15 per paper sent to IEEE *Xplore*.
- If multiple IEEE OUs technically cosponsor the same conference, the fee will be divided equally between the OUs.
- The fees collected will be used to reduce the MCE costs.

This charge replaces the US\$50 fee currently charged to IEEE OUs, and it replaces the US\$500 charge currently

assessed when a technically cosponsored conference does not elect to provide content from the conference to IEEE *Xplore*.

If the sponsoring IEEE OU(s) desires, it may ask MCE to bill the conference a fee (determined by the OU) for this technical cosponsorship. If the sponsoring OU elects to charge a fee to the conference, MCE will handle all billing and collection. All revenue collected by MCE from external conferences will be given to the sponsoring IEEE OU.

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ICMC 2014: A New Journey

The 2014 International Conference on Mechatronics and Control (ICMC 2014) was held in Jinzhou, China, 3–5 July 2014. ICMC 2014 was technically cosponsored by

the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society (IES) and organized by Bohai University, Beijing Aerospace Automatic Control Institute, Harbin Institute of Technology, and the IEEE Harbin Section. This conference provided a wide platform for participants to present the latest research results and

exchange ideas in the field of mechatronics, systems, and control.

Thanks to the efforts of the committee members, invited session proposers, and volunteers, ICMC 2014 attracted wide attention in the community of mechatronics and control all over the world. In total, 747 papers were

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FIGURE 1 – The ICMC 2014 opening ceremony.