

	<p>CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT</p> <p><i>HIKMET SARI</i></p> <p>For a Stronger Global Society</p> <p>hsari@ieee.org</p>	
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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

IEEE ComSoc is the world's leading society for communications professionals from diverse backgrounds including academia, research organizations, and industry. While ComSoc stands as the undisputed leader offering the highest quality technical publications and conferences in the field, it has been facing some challenges in terms of membership over the past few years. The number of student members has dropped, and we have ongoing difficulty to attract more people from industry. Another challenge is to remain at the forefront of technology, position ourselves in emerging fields, and offer the most relevant services to our diverse membership. I would be honored to serve our society as President for 2020 – 2021 and dedicate my time and energy for addressing these challenges. My long experience in both industry and academic institutions, diverse positions in ComSoc, and professional activities in different regions will help me address these challenges in the best interest of our membership. If elected, I would be committed to:

- Maintain and strengthen the leadership of ComSoc and ensure that our publications and conferences remain the premier source of information to professionals in communications.
- Help position ComSoc in emerging fields and make it more relevant to diverse membership from both academia and industry.
- Improve our educational offerings to professionals from industry while preserving and further growing our value to academics, students, and to the research community.
- Further strengthen the globalization effort of ComSoc and the embracing of global culture and values in its activities.
- Promote fairness, transparency, and diversity at all levels, and attract young professionals for serving on our committees and leadership positions.

CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHY

Hikmet Sari is Professor at Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China, and Chief Scientist at Sequans Communications, Paris, France. From 2003 to 2016, he was Professor and Department Head at Supélec in Paris. Previously, he spent 25 years in industry, where he held research and key management positions at Philips, Sagem, Alcatel, Pacific Broadband Communications, and Juniper Networks. In the technical community, he is best known for his pioneering contributions in the 1990s to OFDM, OFDMA and Single-Carrier Transmission with Frequency-Domain Equalization technologies, later adopted for WiMAX and 3GPP LTE. His major distinctions include the IEEE Fellow Grade and the Blondel Medal in 1995, the Edwin H. Armstrong Achievement Award in 2003, the Harold Sobol Award in 2012, and election to both the European Academy and the Turkish Science Academy in 2012.

Dr. Sari has served IEEE ComSoc in numerous volunteer and leadership positions including Vice President - Conferences, Distinguished Lecturer, Editor of the IEEE Transactions on Communications, Editor of the IEEE Communications Letters, Guest Editor of IEEE JSAC, Member of the IEEE Fellow Evaluation Committee, Member of the Awards Committee, Member of the Strategic Planning Committee, Chair of the GITC, Technical Program Chair or General/Executive Chair of numerous conferences including ICC 2004, ICC 2006, PIMRC 2010, WCNC 2012, WCNC 2014, ICC 2016, and ICC 2017. He is currently serving on the Board of Governors as Director, Conference Operations for the period of 2018 – 2019 and also as General Co-Chair of PIMRC 2019.