

# **Voluntary Contribution Fund Coordinator**

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# Highlights from the past

#### In 2013

- 26 requests
- 16 approved for \$12,715
- The budget was only \$10,000
- To avoid overspending: \$1,000 limitation per event for one section

### In 2013

- 14 requests
- 7 approved for \$6,602
- 6 did not get section chair's approval
- 1 not approved due to conference outside R8
- The budget was \$10,000, so it was not fully utilised

## Proposed future actions

- 1) Promote VCF support in low income countries by regular emails to section and chapter chairs.
- 2) Collaborate with Conference Coordination Subcommittee about clear visibility of the VCF support option on R8 conference websites and in conference announcements. It might attract more people to attend conferences.
- 3) Increase VC Funds by better promotion at the IEEE membership renewal stage. E.g. adding information to mailshots.
- 4) Promote VCF through articles in Region 8 News, e.g. testimonials of VCF beneficiaries.

### VCF REQUESTS 2014

VCF No	Grade	Section	Status/Notes	Approved [USD]	Requested [USD]	Conference
TS14.1	GS	Iran	Approved	1000	1000	MELECON, Beirut, Lebanon, 13-16 Apr 2014
TS14.2	GS	Tunisia	Approved	822	822	VISAPP, Lisbon, Portugal, 5-8 Jan 2014
TS14.3	SM	Tunisia	No section chair's approval		1000	MELECON, Beirut, Lebanon, 13-16 Apr 2014
TS14.4	M	Tunisia	No section chair's approval		1000	MECBME, Doha, Qatar, 17-20 Feb 2014
TS14.5	GS	Tunisia	Approved	1000	1000	MELECON, Beirut, Lebanon, 13-16 Apr 2014
TS14.6	GS	Iran	Approved	1000	1000	ICASSP, Florence, Italy, 4-9 May 2014
TS14.7	G	Tunisia	No section chair's approval		743	WCNC, Istanbul, Turkey, 6-9 Apr 2014
TS14.8	GS	Tunisia	No section chair's approval			ICASSP, Florence, Italy, 4-9 May 2014
TS14.9	GS	UAE	No section chair's approval			Region 8 Student and YP Congress, Krakow, Poland, 2014
TS14.10	GS	Algeria	No section chair's approval			SPEEDAM 2014
TS14.11	GS	Macedonia	Approved	1000	1200	EUSIPCO, Lisbon, Portugal, 1-5 Sep 2014
TS14.12	GS	Ukraine	Approved	780	780	RFID-TA, Tampere, Finland, 8-9 Sep 2014
TS14.13	M	Nigeria	Not in Region 8		1000	GHTC, San Jose, USA, 10-13 Oct 2014
TS14.14	GS	Tunisia	Approved	1000	1000	ICCVE, Vienna, 3-7 Nov 2014
Total				6602	10545	