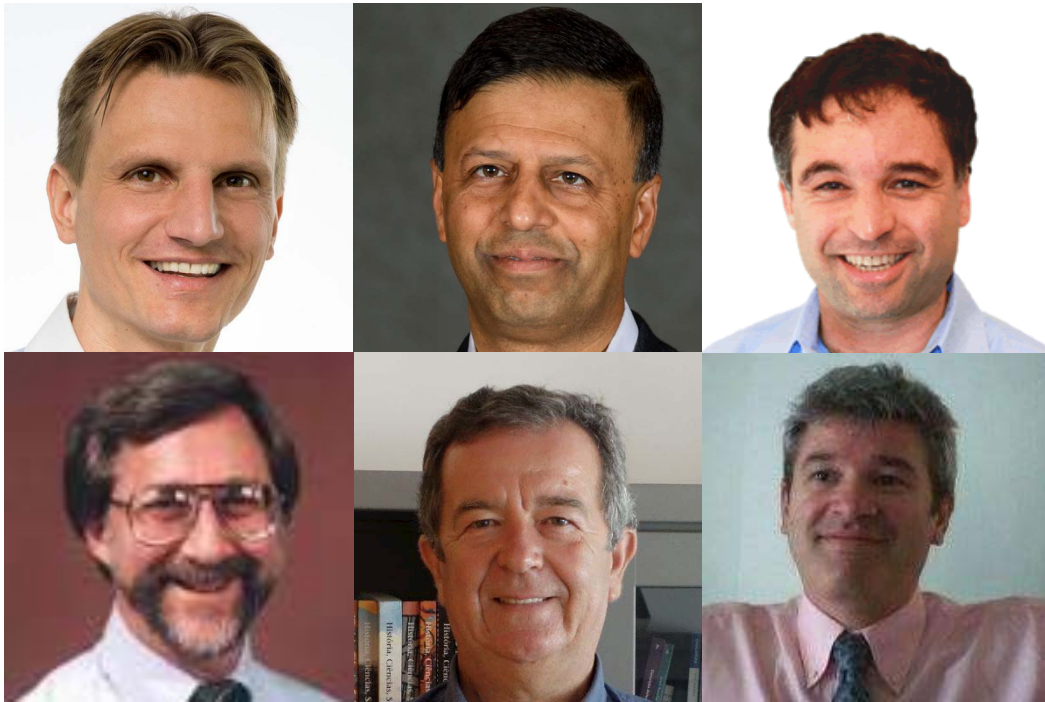# 80th IFIP WG 10.4 Meeting
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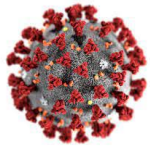# June 27, 2021

Business Meeting

The State of WG 10.4

Thank You

WG 10.4 By the Numbers

- 77 members

- 19 members with the emeritus status

- Meeting attendance:
  - 2018-S: 47, 37 members
  - 2019-W: 37, 20 members
  - 2019-S: 32, 25 members
  - 2020-W: 33, 17 members

  - 2020-S: 56, 56 members
  - 2021-W: 73, 53 members
  - 2021-S: 44, 41 members

New Members

- We add about 3—4 per year
- Membership process discussion in summer 2020
  - No consensus on changes
  - Keep the current informal process
- Chair request:
  - I would like to allow new members in both summer and winter sessions

Recent Technical Trends

- Blockchain, crypto currency 2018-S

- IOT, 2020-W

- Intelligent mobility, 2019-W, 2021-W

- Dependability & AI, 2021-S

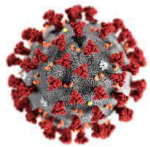P.S. 2019-S was a potpourri, with bulk of sessions devoted to DSN

DSN

- IFIP supports DSN in the tune of 20% +/-
- Conference trends are positive:
    - Increasing number of submissions
    - Tighter acceptance rate
    - Increased number of registrations
- More work to do:
    - DSN application to become A* was denied
    - Sparse session attendance trend continues despite increase in registrations

# Modality of WG 10.4 Future Meetings

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Recent Meeting Attendances

- Meeting attendance:
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Facts

- Online meeting drew far more attendance than before
- Even before 🦠 , winter meeting attendance was waning
- Paradox:
  - Online meeting interactions drew more people, with less time for inconvenient interactions
  - Physical meeting interactions allowed ample time for convenient interactions with less people

Issues for Discussion

- When are we mentally ready to go back to normal meetings?
  - We need clear feedback as there is a financial risk involved on the part of the organizers
- Online meetings drew far more attendance than physical meetings
  - Should some form of regular online meeting be part of future modality even after going back to normal?
- Winter face-to-face meetings were sparsely attended
  - Should we continue?
- Open discussion

Modality of WG 10.4 Future Meetings

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IFIP

- IFIP was established in 1960, a 60th anniversary was delayed to 2021
- IFIP is matrixed into geographic entities and over 13 technical committees, the latter involving over 100 working groups
- WG 10.4 is part of TC 10 (systems)
- Springer is the official publisher of IFIP proceedings
- Funding comes from UNESCO

TC-10 & WG 10.4

- In 2019, TC-10 chair did not respond to emails, did not fund DSN (I had to cover the DSN-19 support out of my discretionary funding ☹)
- A new proactive chair (Achim Rhettberg) was appointed in mid 2019
- TC-10 needs us to be more proactive in communicating with the mother ship

Issues to Discuss

- Awards
  - I would like to form a small committee of experienced senior people to promote awards for junior people. These can be IFIP awards or other types of awards (IEEE, ACM, NAE, NAS, etc).

- Helping DSN
  - To become an A* conference, we need to bring A* people
  - I would like to form a small committee from senior members who will be perpetually responsible for planning and selecting keynote speakers for future conferences

- Chair's issues
  - I would like to tell you that it is very disheartening when I send notes for volunteers or for material, and I get NO RESPONSE.