

Digital Equity Committee Chair Report

IFIP Board 2021

Conformation of the Digital Equity Committee

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2020

Funding allocation for 2020

DEC had a 2020 budget of 12.000 euros. During the first call (I-2020), 11.500 euros were allocated. No additional call has been done during this year due to three factors: (1) all the budget has already been assigned if the 500 euros reimbursed for the OCCE 2020 event are included, (2) the events with allocated funding would occur towards the end of the year, and therefore no real estimate of reimbursement has possible in August, and (3) COVID has caused many events to cancel or move to online versions, not requiring travel funds.

Funding execution for 2020

DEC allocates funding for IFIP events with the objective of covering travel expenses for keynote speakers on developing countries and for Ph.D. students from developing countries attending IFIP conferences. Due to Covid-19, traveling around the world became very difficult and dangerous. As a result, most conferences and academic events were postponed or migrated their activities to a virtual/ remote online version.

In April, DEC met virtually and decided that the allocated funds could be used to cover registration fees for Ph.D. students from developing countries for events being held virtually. This possibility was communicated to events with allocated funding. In the next table, the execution of funding is summarized. So far only 3.540 euros have been reimbursed to OCCE 2020, TFC2020 and IFIPjwc2020. HCC14 was cancelled and its funding request postponed for 2021 (and have not used it thus far, and a new request has received for HCC15 for 2022).

2021

Funding allocation for 2021

DEC had a 2021 budget of 6.000 €. During the first call (I-2021), three requests has been received. Two of them for 2021 and one for 2022. The next table includes the allocated funds to each event.					
INTERACT 2021 18th International Conference on HCI https://www.interact2021.org/	TC3	Travel expenses of early career scholars (PhD students and post-doctoral researchers) from developing countries	Aug 30 th - Sep 3 rd 2021	2.500 €	1.750 € (up to 2.500 € upon request)
OCCE 2021 DTEL IFIP TC3 is running a hybrid (virtual and face-to-face) conference on “Digital Transformation of Education and Learning” https://www.occe2021.fi/	WG 3.4	To support 20 doctoral students and early career researchers from developing countries to cover registration fee of 150 € each (virtual participation)	17 th -20 th August 2021	3.000 €	1.500 € (up to 3.000 € upon request)
HCC15 IFIP 15th TC9 Human Choice and Computers Conference “Human Choice and Digital by Default: Autonomy vs Digital Determination” , www.hcc15.net	TC9 WG9.2, WG9.4 WG9.5,WG9.8, WG9.9	Travel expenses of early career scholars (PhD students and post-doctoral researchers) from developing countries	Sep 7 th -9 th 2022	3.000 €	2.000 € (up to 3.000 € upon request)

