IEEE SoutheastCon 2024 Updates

R3 ExCom Meeting – Nov 27, 2023

SOUTHEASTCON 2024
REGION 3
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General Updates

- **Hotel F&B**
  - We proposed a <u>reduction in the cost</u> of:
    - **Breakfast** (from $40++ to $35++) eliminating Muffins and Oatmeal for bread and jams
    - **Lunch** (from $50++ to $45++) eliminating dessert and coffee/teas
  - Cost of banquet is $80++ for "Pan seared chicken/natural herb pan jus"
  - Cost of Reception is targeted at $85++ at the moment but we got provided with a lot of options and can also bring the cost down
- **Next Hotel Visit**: December 9, 2023
- **Hotel Registration link is live** (on website): https://book.passkey.com/event/50491886/owner/324/home
- **Room cost** is $196 per night

- **Proposed Registration Costs (based on food prices)**

Category	Mode	Type	$	$
Authors	in person	members	$ 750	$ -
		non-members	$ 1,000	$ -
	virtual	members	$ 700	$ -
		non-members	$ 950	$ -
Students / Life Members	in person	members	$ 230	$ 300
	virtual	members	$	50
R3	in person	n/a	$ 500	$ 600
Attendee (non-presenter)	in person	members	$ 500	$ 650
		non-members	$ 750	$ 900
	virtual	members	$	100
		non-members	$	350
Companion			$ 325	$ 375

General Updates

- **Registration**
  - Charles working with RegFox to automate IEEE authentication
  - RegFox registration page should be up by the end of the week
  - We plan to open registration in December

- **HW Competition**
  - Competition boards are going to be built in the next couple of weeks
  - Materials were ordered and Dr. Voicu is supervising the assembly of the boards
  - We would need a location to store finished boards (thinking of a storage unit around midtown)

- **SW Competition**
  - This year it will be a Hackathon
  - Rules are been finalized and are not posted yet
  - We are looking into the possibility of the Computer Society sponsoring this competition

General Updates

- **TPC – Papers (32 submitted so far)**

  - With manuscript: 17

  - Pending: 14

  - Withdrawn: 1

- **Workshop and Tutorials**

  - 4 tutorials already approved and posted on the website:

    - *Simulations and Motion Analysis of Rigid Mechanisms and Soft/Compliant Robots in MATLAB Simscape*
    - *eXplainable AI (XAI) in Clinical Applications*
    - *Introduction to Software Defined Radios*
    - *Cyber For Critical Infrastructure*

  - 7 more speakers have shown interest (awaiting proposals)

  - Tutorial pricing - TBD

- **TPC – Paper review process**

  - Acceptance notifications for first set of papers may be done by end of December 2023.