Call for hosting NOLCOS 2028

The location of the 14th Symposium on Nonlinear Control Systems (NOLCOS) planned for the year 2028 will be selected at the TC meeting scheduled to be held in December 2024. NOLCOS 2028 will follow the 2025 edition that will be organized in Reykjavik, Iceland.

The main criteria that are adopted for the selection of NOLCOS 2028 are summarized in the following items (without priority):

- General activity in the field of nonlinear control systems in the proponent country;
- Availability of appropriate infrastructure and facilities for setting up a symposium of the average size of recent NOLCOS symposiums.
- Proposing team, possibly with their activity within IFAC;
- Geographical distribution of the Symposiums in earlier years;
- Moderate registration fees and availability of some inexpensive accommodation.

Timelines and guidelines for the selection procedure are presented in the following items:

- The deadline for submitting the proposals is October 31, 2024. The proposals must be sent by email to the chair of the TC (hiroshi.ito@ics.kyutech.ac.jp). The proposal consists of a document describing the candidature with special regard to the criteria specified above. It must be limited to 2 pages, size A4, Times Roman, 12 pt.

- The TC Chair will send out the received proposals to the IFAC TC 2.3 Members by November 10, 2024. Members can request for clarifications and additional information about the proposals. Additional information requests must be transmitted to the Chair of the TC 2.3 who will forward them to the specific proponents. All the members will be kept informed about the requests and the relative answers. Period for requests of additional information: **November 10- December 1, 2024**.

- During the meeting for bidding in December:
    o each proponent will briefly present its candidature. The presentation must not be longer than 5 min plus 2-4 min for discussion. The presence of at least one person on the proponent team is mandatory for the presentation of the candidature.
    o IFAC TC 2.3 members attending the meeting will vote to select the winner. The voting rules are described next.

Voting system.

- All TC 2.3 members attending the TC meeting have the right to vote except the ones coming from the proponent countries.
- The TC 2.3 Chair is excluded from voting.
- The vote is secret.
- The voting procedure is considered valid in the presence of at least 20 voters. If the quorum is not reached, a different democratic selection procedure will be decided during the meeting.
- If more than two proposals are evaluated, two voting stages will be set up. In the first stage, the two proposals that have obtained the higher number of votes will be identified. The second stage will be a simple majority vote between these two. In the possible second stage, members of the countries excluded in the first stage have the right to vote.

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