International Conference :
Sciences of Electronics, Technologies of Information and Telecommunications

Since its first appearance in 2003, SETIT has never stopped growing, getting richer and gaining interest not only in Tunisia but also worldwide. So, if compared to its comparator conferences, we can say that several key factors should enable it to rank high.

To begin with, we may dare say that it has been pioneer in suggesting such up-to-date themes and issues of research. Undeniably, IT and image and signal treatment have been of interest along time before our conference but, we are sure that the conference contributed greatly to the field thanks to our highly qualified scientific committee members, chosen from among the world's best professors and scientists. This committee reached about 500 reviewers in 2012 and more than 600 in 2014. It is backed by an online submission system to facilitate communication and guarantee a prompt service. In addition, we have usually tried to guarantee a fair evaluation of the potential papers through a Two-Phase Review Process and using a single-blind process managed through our website. The manuscripts will pass through a Plagiarism and Excessive Re-use of Earlier Material check using Compilatio Plagiarism Checker (SETIT'09 & SETIT'012) and the iThenticate tool provided by IEEE (SETIT'16) to avoid any fraud attempt before being evaluated by 4 members of the scientific committee.

 In addition, our previous sessions enabled the different organizational committees to gain experience and know-how to be able to prepare meticulously the events, answer the needs of our guests, discard the difficulties and manage unexpected mishap cases. The Organization Committee has usually collaborated with the ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, selected High Standing hotels, and insisted on providing its guests with various services mainly the transfer from the conference venue to the airport.

Financially speaking we have benefited from various governmental and non-governmental bodies to support the conference. Thanks to the raised funds from the Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, The Human-Machine Interaction association, which I preside and manage, and other associations and organizations, SETIT was able to support its participants from poor and low income countries with a financial support covering most if not all of their fees.

Another reason is its purely strategic location. Thanks to its unique location, Tunisia offers the conference an indisputable privileged position at the crossroad of

civilizations meeting point allowing it to irradiate on the Mediterranean region, joining its northern shore to its southern counterpart and most importantly bringing the continents closer to each other – gathering more than 40 nationalities in many previous editions. This has been reflected in the quality of its participants pouring from all around the world eager to share their knowledge and contribute to the success of the conference. Added to that, the conference has never spared any effort selecting renowned, innovative and outstanding scientists and researchers to deliver their tutorials and share their latest original ideas.

Furthermore, SETIT is not only a conference but a partner and collaborator. We have always looked for its internationalization through various collaborations and co-sponsorships. In fact, it was technically cosponsored by IEEE from it first edition: SETIT'03; Its 6th and 7th editions were published by IEEE Xplore. It has got a mailing list of more than 200 000 researchers; it is well indexed on Google, and has a well visited web site. We would like to highlight that according to the SCImago Journal & Country Rank website the H Index of our conference SETIT'12 is equal to 4. It can be checked at:

http://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=21100236215&tip=sid&clean=0

We are still waiting for the H Index of SETIT'16 to be issued.

From the above information, we think that SETIT has grown up now and has even reached maturity. We seriously believe that it deserves to rank higher than its comparator conferences

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