

# ComSoc Membership

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# For apologizing

- 1. Of course, you *are* members
- 2. And, much has been said about the advantages in previous talks
- 3. Thus: why to talk about this?
- But: i. when writing this slide, I don't know what at all will be (has been) said before
- And: ii. I hope, I can add something

# So: Why to become ComSoc members?

- i. Intellectual/emotional reasons
- ii. Scientific/professional reasons
  - And also
- iii. Financial reasons

## i. Intellectual/emotional reasons

- With exaggerated words: to be a member of the relevant professional community of the world
- In particular: ex-Eastern Europe  
maybe also: developing countries

## ii. Scientific/professional reasons

- Several programs of ComSoc exist:
- everybody knows: journals, magazines, conferences/symposia etc.
- one of the most interesting: Distinguished Lecturer Tours

# Distinguished Lecturer Tours

- Provided as a service to our local chapters, Distinguished Lecture Tours can be arranged in response to a request from one or more Chapter Chairs (extract from Bylaws).
- Up to five lecture tours a year will be supported in each of our four Regions (EAME, AP, LA, NA)

# Distinguished Lecturer Tours/2

- Multiple (>2) groups during a lecture tour.  
(Individual lectures not funded.)
- Funding: travel expenses by ComSoc.
- Living expenses, (lodging, meals,  
transportation: generally by the local Chapter.
- Organize the Distinguished Lecture Tour around a *pre-defined need* or around the *availability of a lecturer* in a geographic region.

### iii. Financial reasons

- Availability of travel grants
- Such as our presence in Rimini
- But also (more important): Student Travel Grants

# Student Travel Grants

- Limited number
- For student-authors of accepted papers
- At big conf (GL, IC, WCN, NOM, IM)
- Presented by the student
- Being member of ComSoc
- And living in a different-than-conference region (EAME, AP, LA, NA)