Charter of The RIPE Programme Committee

RIPE Programme Committee

The RIPE Programme Committee (PC) is responsible for

- ensuring that the RIPE Meeting programme consists of interesting, relevant and inspiring content
- planning and all content at RIPE Meetings other than RIPE Working Groups
- the timely publication of the RIPE Meeting agenda

The Programme Committee works by consensus.

Composition and Roles

The PC will consist of up to twelve appointed individuals:

1. Eight community representatives selected by participants at-large at RIPE Meetings;
2. One appointed by the RIPE WG Chairs;
3. One appointed by the MENOG Programme Committee;
4. One appointed by the ENOG Programme Committee;
5. One appointed by the local host, where appropriate.

The member appointed by the RIPE WG Chairs act as the liaison between the RIPE WG Chairs, the RIPE PC and the RIPE Chairman.

Those members appointed by the Network Operations Groups (NOGs) act as liaisons between their own Programme Committees and the RIPE PC, and also represent their region generally.

A local host representative may be co-opted by the PC in consultation with the organisation hosting a RIPE Meeting. They should be well known to the local community and provide a liaison between them and the PC.

In addition to the appointed members, the PC has the discretion to co-opt individuals whenever expert or local knowledge would help to plan the agenda for a RIPE Meeting. Such individuals co-opted on to the PC serve only until the meeting that required their co-option takes place.

The PC members select a Chair who oversees the work of the PC: scheduling its meetings, issuing calls for papers, co-opting members, etc. The RIPE NCC appoints a permanent, non-voting observer to the PC to provide any co-ordination functions which may be required.

The PC members also select up to two Vice Chairs who aid the Chair as necessary.

Appointment of and Terms of Service for Programme Committee Members

Eight members of the PC selected by participants at-large at RIPE Meetings (#1 above) serve a term of four consecutive RIPE Meetings. Each such member is elected for a four meeting term at each RIPE Meeting, through a deliberate process by attendees of the RIPE Meeting.

These Community-appointed members of the PC (#1 above) serve a maximum three consecutive terms. For the other members, appointed by the NOGs and WG Chairs (#2 to #4 above), each group will decide how it selects its PC appointee.

Responsibilities and Expectations for Programme Committee Members

PC members are expected:

- To stay aware of the topics that address the needs and interests of the RIPE community. This usually assumes regular attendance of RIPE Meetings and tracking issues discussed by the global technical community.
- To actively seek content that is relevant and interesting to the RIPE community. This includes reaching out to presenters of interesting talks, people involved in projects, research or other activities that may be of interest to the community.
- To actively participate in forming the plenary programme of the RIPE Meeting. This implies active participation in the PC activities (teleconferences, on-site meetings, reviews, etc.) and working towards reaching consensus on decision points.

The Vice Chairs will work towards to ensuring active participation of PC members.

Elected PC members may be removed, by a unanimous vote of the PC. The PC may request that an appointed member of the PC be replaced by the organisation that appointed that member, by a unanimous vote of the PC.

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