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To:
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Nomination for Ms. Diana Pani as Candidate for 3GPP TSG RAN WG2 Chair

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of InterDigital, I am proud to nominate Ms. Diana Pani as a candidate for the position of 3GPP RAN WG2 Chair in the election to be held during RAN2#123 in August 2023. Diana represents the Individual Member "InterDigital Communications" and the Project Partner "ATIS".

Diana has been an active contributor in 3GPP RAN2, attending nearly all meetings for more than 15 years. With over eight years of involvement, she is also a seasoned RAN plenary participant. Diana is a highly respected delegate, and a technically competent wireless engineer who has made demonstrably significant technical and leadership contributions to the industry over three generations of cellular standards - HSPA, LTE, and NR.

She has served as RAN2 Vice-Chair for two consecutive periods, from August 2013 to August 2017. At the completion of her 2nd term as Vice-Chair, her recognized expertise within the 3GPP community led her to continue chairing several RAN2 sessions for Rel-15, Rel-16, Rel-17, and Rel-18, including the NR User Plane Rel-15 specifications of the first release for 5G.

Diana's ability to efficiently lead the 3GPP consensus in a fair, open, effective, and timely manner is undoubtedly the key to the success of her leadership roles across a wide range of topics for LTE, HSPA, and NR specification work during her previous tenure as RAN2 Vice-Chair and her other chairing duties up to this day.

It is my sincere belief that if elected, Diana will continue to ensure that work in RAN2 is conducted with the same fairness and will greatly contribute to securing the timely completion of current and future 3GPP projects while maintaining a high level of specifications, quality, and a productive work environment for the benefit of all involved 3GPP members.

Diana is informed about and will be trained in all applicable antitrust and competition laws and regulations. If elected, she will comply with all such laws and regulations while acting in her capacity as RAN WG2 Chair.

By proposing Diana for the position of RAN2 chair, InterDigital remains strongly committed to the 3GPP standardization work and will provide all support and resources necessary to pursue her duties as RAN2 Chair.

Yours sincerely,

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Position of candidacy: 3GPP RAN WG2 Chair

Candidate Name: Diana Pani

Member: InterDigital Communications

Partner Organization: ATIS

Brief Curriculum Vitae

Diana Pani is Vice President of Wireless Standards at InterDigital, where she currently leads and manages all research and standardization activities related to 5G-Advanced technologies across all 3GPP WGs, RAN, SA, and CT. Since she joined InterDigital in 2004, she has worked on several assignments related to mobile communication in product design, R&D, and 3GPP standardization.

She is an accomplished leader with nearly 20 years of experience in the mobile communications industry, during which time she has contributed to the research, design, development, and standardization across three generations of wireless technologies, 3G, 4G, and 5G.

Diana has been a significant technical active contributor and leader to 3GPP RAN2 standards since 2008. She was elected RAN2 Vice-chair from 2013-2017, during which time she was responsible for chairing various HSPA and LTE topics (e.g., D2D, V2X, e-DRX, reduced latency, and short TTI).

In 2017, after completion of her second VC term, she chaired and ensured the successful completion of the first release of RAN2 5G NR User plane specifications (e.g., MAC, RLC, PDCP, and SDAP). She continued to chair Rel-16 (e.g., Power Savings, NTN study item, NR-U), Rel-17 features (e.g., Small Data, IIoT), and currently is chairing 5G advanced features (e.g., Network Energy saving, UAV, Small data).

Diana's key recognized qualities include her technical expertise in a wide range of features and verticals across multiple generations of 3GPP systems (i.e., HSPA, LTE, and NR) as well as her leadership skills focusing on fairness, efficiency, and consensus as demonstrated through her extensive leadership experience based on a responsible stewardship approach towards the 3GPP community.

Diana Pani graduated from McGill University in Electrical Engineering with a specialization in Telecommunications in 2006.