GÉANT Association GCC Chair Elections
Candidate Information
32nd General Assembly
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Candidate Details:

Name of Candidate:	Claudio ALLOCCHIO
Organisation of Candidate:	GARR
Position of Candidate:	Senior Manager and Advisor
Short Bio:	Claudio started working in the R&E networking community in 1984, dealing both with establishing international connectivity and enabling global "above the net" services (messaging, chat, real time,…). He was involved since the beginning in the Community work: he was the chair of RARE WG 1 (mail and messaging) and at RARE Networkshop '89, the TNC great-grandfather, Claudio delivered for the first time an high speed (2Mbps!) network connectivity to delegates. In early '90s Claudio led as Project Coordinator and chief developer the EC COSINE S2.2 project, successfully enabling the first global e-mail service. Claudio is into the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) since 1989: he authored several RFCs and chaired working groups since then; now he is, as one of the "old boys of the Internet", senior member of the Real time Application and Infrastructure (RAI) Directorate, where he served for two terms as Directorate Coordinator. Besides the IETF, Claudio also served in a few ITU-T working groups dedicated to OSI standardisation and use of IP networks as transport. Claudio was also involved in the early setup of commercial Internet, as he setup the Italian Naming Authority and later the Registry for ".it" domain names and served as President of the Naming Authority for 11 years and later for 6 years in the governmental steering group of the .it Registry. Claudio is one of the founding member of GARR, and now is Senior Manager and Advisor, directly assisting GARR Director in the management of the organisation and member of GARR EXEC team. Claudio was elected TERENA Vice President in 2001 and served into the EXEC BoD for 2 terms until 2007; as responsible of the technical programme he chaired the TERENA Technical Committee, and as Vice

President led the TERENA participation for the first time into GNx and other large EU projects, jointly with DANTE. When DANTE and TERENA merged, Claudio served in the team to create the current bylaws of GEANT Association, harmonising the different principles and statutes.

Since the beginning, Claudio was deeply involved into understanding the R&E community needs, and to create, enable or coordinate solutions to make the best out of our advanced networks and services. As such he is still active in some GNx project activities: TimeMap, the current GEANT Backbone latency and jitter monitoring system and eduMEET, where he is also the chair of the eduMEET foundation. Claudio is also the network architect and Project Coordinator for LoLa, the only real time A/V system which enables true live interaction at distance, widely used in the Performing Arts education sector; together with Internet2 and GEANT Association he organises also the annual Network Performing Arts Production Workshop since 2002. In the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic Claudio successfully coordinated the Erasmus+ project SWING to enable virtual mobility and remote/distant education in Europe.

In 2019 Claudio was awarded the Vietsch Foundation Medal of honour for his career; in 2020 and again in 2023 he was awarded the RedCLARA Anilla Cultural "e-Culture award" for his contribution in Latin America to blend network technologies and the arts.

Claudio served as the chair of the GEANT Community Committee, since 2020, steering and overlooking the GEANT Community Programme, Task Forces and Special Interest Groups; under his guidance, GCC created the GEANT Innovation Programme, enabling up to now quite a number of successful new ideas inside our community, and is now leading the transition of the whole GEANT Community Programme area into an even more engaged and collaborative structure for all members. As GCC chair Claudio is also the coordinator of the GEANT Community Award committee. In 2022 Claudio was the local host coordinator who organised TNC22. He also serves in the EaPconnect projects as managing tutor and technical support.

In the governance area, after his previous experiences, Claudio is now a member of the GEANT Board since November 2023.

Claudio studied physics and astrophysics: before becoming interested in networking he developed the image processing system for the ESA-NASA IUE satellite and a system which enhanced by one order of magnitude the resolution of ALEPH detector inside the LEP collider at CERN. But he also have a formal education in music (piano) at the Conservatory.

	In his (little) spare time he serves as a BoD member and management coordinator of the Trieste Concert Society, producing about 50 classical music concerts per year. Claudio used to seriously play volleyball and still enjoys alpine skiing a lot.
Candidate's Motivation:	I have been involved in our Community since its very beginning in various roles, and lately in the position of GCC Chair; during my term I tried to stimulate a wider engagement of our Community members into the activities which can benefit most of "working together and exchange ideas". With GCC we created the GEANT Innovation Programme, and we are now making a general update of the whole Community Programme area: creating new SIGs and TFs, updating the interest areas where our Community works, performing the periodic update of the Community Strategy and actively trying to involve diversity (in all senses, gender, geography, culture, etc) more and more in all what we do. Recognising that anybody who works for the GEANT Community is very valuable also to his/her own organization is another key objective we have. With GCC we are working hard to achieve all these goals, a lot of work was already done, but we have not yet finished this transition. As such I would like to conclude this significant set of activities, and then hand over to younger generation the leadership of the Community Programme. Likely we should finish the work by November 2024; so I candidate myself only for a short transition period.

Proposer Details:

Name of Proposer:	Valter Nordh
Organisation of Proposer:	NORDUnet
Reasons for Proposing:	Claudio Allocchio has been supporting and been an active part of the community over a long period, lately as chair of the GCC and serving as a member of the GÉANT BOARD. In Claudio I always see a very engaged person, trying different ways to move the community forward. Claudio has also been important in integrating the innovation elements of the community programme with the more project-focused activities of the association.

I am happy to support Claudio's mission to promote member and stakeholder engagement in the community programme. NORDUnet support an inclusive programme, by and for the participants.

Claudio has asked for half a year to secure the mandate of the GCC and to express a new and broader community program mission. NORDUnet welcomes this. We also believe that a shifting the chair elections to November and aligning the term of the GCC chair with many other elections will strengthen the GCC. |

Seconder Details:

Name of Seconder:	Christian Grimm
Organisation of Seconder:	DFN
Reasons for Seconding:	I am happy to second this nomination for a simple but important reason: in the current situation I couldn't imagine anyone better than Claudio to ensure continuity of the work of the GCC while managing a smooth transition to a new chairperson. The GCC plays an essential role in bringing our community together and looking at what will matter to us – if not today, then in the future. Leading this committee comes with respective responsibility and expectation by members. I have no doubt about Claudio's commitment to passing on his many years of experience in such a relevant position to the next generation. In summary, I am more than pleased to second Claudio's nomination for the position as Chairman of the GÉANT Community Committee for an extended but hopefully manageable term and recommend his election to members.

TO BE COMPLETED BY GÉANT STAFF

Candidate's acceptance:

Candidate's Acceptance:	Accepted via email 6th March 2024 18:20 CET
Nature of involvement with GÉANT Association:	(only relevant if not from an NREN)