MESSAGE FROM THE DEMOS AND EXHIBITS CO-CHAIRS

The Demos and Exhibits session at COMSNETS is meant for researchers and industry, including startups, to showcase their latest research, products, or prototypes which showcase *advances in networking and communication systems.*

This year, **for the first time in the history of COMSNETS**, **we planned 3 hour exclusive sessions** for demos and exhibits on Day 1 and Day 2 of the main conference. This gave the conference delegates a chance to focus on the demos, without having any other simultaneous session. The location was also changed from previous years to a more pleasant location. As usual, Day 1 had a special **Spotlight session** where each demo could advertise their demo and attract delegates.

The demos were divided into two major categories -- **Product and Startup demos** and **Research demos**. The Product and Startup demos include the demos from the sponsors of COMSNETS. This year, we had 6 demos from sponsors -- 2 from Cisco and one each from Qualcomm, Microsoft, IBM India Research Lab, and ConsenSys. We also had 10 demos from startups as well as established companies. There were 7 research demos, including some demos based on papers accepted in the conference. The research demos will be published in the digital proceedings of the conference. In addition, 4 research demos from the previous COMSNETS (2018) will also be included in the digital proceedings since these could not be included in last year's proceedings due to some last minute, unforeseen hurdles.

There were **two best demo awards given for the two categories** -- *the best product demo* and *the best research demo*. These were selected by a jury who evaluated the demo during the actual demo sessions. We would like to thank the entire COMSNETS 2019 organizing committee, the sponsors, the delegates at the conference, and most of all the demo presenters for a very exciting and engaging session. Do excuse us for any shortcomings in the event.

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Disclaimer: Since the message is prepared before the actual conference, there might be minor discrepancies and the best demo award winners are not mentioned in this message since they are decided during the actual demo sessions.