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Mr. Auster has over 30 years of experience serving the IEEE, including conference organization and service as MTT-S Chapter and Symposiums Chair. He was the vice-chair of EuMC1997 and the vice-chair of the international IEEEI 2008 and IEEEI 2010 (IEEE Israel Section Convention). Since 1996 he has served as a member of numerous Organizing and Technical Program Committees (IEEE, EuMC, EuMIC, MIKON, MELECON, SIBIRCON, and MRRS). Shmuel has served as a member of the EuMC Management Committee (1997-2000) and of the EuMA/EuMW Steering Committee (2006-2012, as IEEE MTTS representative). He has been also a member of four MTT-S AdCom committees (Since 2009) and was selected to serve as the IEEE R8 MTT-S Chapter Ambassador to Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Turkey and Israel. He has been an IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques reviewer, IEEE Access Journal Editorial Board member (2012-2015) and the Scientific Editor of leading technology magazines in Israel. Mr. Auster is a council member of Israel Association of Periodical Press (IAPP). Mr. Auster has been the Chair of the IEEE S-AP/MTT Chapter in Israel since August 2003. He organized and was the Chair of four IEEE Israel S-AP/MTT Chapter Symposiums from 2004 to 2007. In 2007 Shmuel founded and has since chaired the very successful IEEE COMCAS International Conference Series for Microwaves, Communications, Antennas, Radar, Electronic Systems and Biomedical Engineering, supported by four IEEE Societies, IEEE Region 8, EuMA, and AEAI.

In 11.2020 he received "Certificate of Appreciation" from IAI Elta and in 12.2020 from GalEl. In 11.2020 he was awarded "Honorary Life Member" of AEAI. In 2011, 2014 and 2015 he received "Certificate of Merit" from the engineering faculty of the Ben Gurion University, and was awarded "Honorary Member" of the Shenkar College of Engineering, where he has served as the chair of the advisory committee for the Electronics Engineering Department. Previously he received IEEE MTTS (4 times), IEEE EMCS and IEEE Region 8 certificates of appreciation. In 2015 Mr. Auster received IEEE ComSoc Certificate of Appreciation and in 2009 and 2016 he received the IEEE President's certificates of appreciation. Shmuel is member of the Industrial Forum (IAP) of the Faculty of Engineering, Tel-Aviv University and of the Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Technion, Israel. Mr. Auster holds a B.Sc. (1980) and M.Sc. (1986) in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Tel Aviv University and a degree in Engineering Management (IMC, Summa Cum Laude, 1993).