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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#131 in August 2025. Diana represents the Individual Member "InterDigital Communications" and the Project Partner "ATIS". Diana is currently serving her first term as Chair of TSG RAN WG2 after being appointed in August 2023 and is now seeking a second term.

During her first term as RAN2 Chair, Diana demonstrated her leadership as a RAN official both at the working group level first by completing R18 work, then by leading the progress on important R19 topics, as well as at the plenary level on progress reports, resolution of key issues and scope definition for R20 in relation to her RAN2 Chair duties.

Previously, Diana had been appointed in August 2013 as RAN2 Vice-Chair and fulfilled her duties for two consecutive periods until August 2017. Upon completion of her second term as Vice-Chair, recognition within the 3GPP community of both her leadership and her technical expertise 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 has been attending nearly all meetings for more than 17 years as an active contributor to 3GPP RAN2. She is a highly respected consensus-driven leader, a widely recognized standards 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.

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.

It is my sincere belief that if elected for a second term, 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, especially during this important period that will cover the entire study phase for 6G Radio.

Diana is informed about, and will remain up to date, in all applicable antitrust and competition laws and regulations. If re-elected, she will keep complying 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. Diana is currently Chair of TSG RAN WG2 appointed in August 2023. 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 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 from 3G to 5G and is looking ahead towards yet another generation with her work on 6G.

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 Rel-18 features (e.g., Network Energy saving, UAV, Small data) for 5G-Advanced.

Subsequently in 2023, she was elected Chair of TSG RAN WG2 and successfully led the completion of Rel-18 and progress on important Rel-19 5G-Advanced topics, including Ambient IoT, AI/ML for the air interface and AI/ML for mobility, etc.

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, 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.