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After contributing to several IARIA Conferences as Steering and Technical Program Committee member, serving as a Chair of Special Tracks, and Publishing in IARIA's research journals, Prof. Sztandera served as Steering Committee and Technical Program Committee Member, Expert Panel Member in "NexTech Experts Panel I Cyber Protection: Are we Correctly Metering and Accurately Processing Salient Data?", as well as Chair of Special Track in "Harnessing Data for the Benefit of Society" at the Tenth International Conference on Data Analytics 2021 in Barcelona, Spain.

Prof. Sztandera looks forward to participating in IARIA Pandemic Analytics Conference in July/August of 2022 in similar leadership capacities.