

IEEE Wireless Communications Technical Committee (WTC) Meeting Minutes at Globecom 2008, New Orleans, LA, USA

Time and Place: 12:00-13:30, Tuesday, 2 December 2008, Rosedown, The Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Meeting Chair: Prof. Chengshan Xiao (WTC Chair)

Attendees: ~136 (~10 people could not sign as they could not enter the meeting room).

Rachedi Abderrezak, Salah A. Aly, Jeff Andrews, Nirwan Ansari, Mohamad Awad, Alireza Babaei, Leonardo Badia, Jalel Ben-Othman, Vijay Bhargava, Thomas Michael Bohnert, Azzedine Boukerche, Miguel Campista, R Chandramouli, Yu Cheng, Roger Cheng, Maggie Cheng, Soumaya Cherkaoui, Pado Chini, Song Ci, Andrea Conti, Shuguang Cui, Davide Dardari, Luc Deneire, Jing Deng, Celia Desmond, Gladys Diaz, James Du, Otto Carlos Duarte, Gerhard Fettweis, Vasilis Friderikos, Franklin Fu, Babich Fulvio, Giovanni Giambene, Andrea Goldsmith, Mohsen Guizani, Lixin Guo, Walaa Hamouda, Zhu Han, Lajos Hanzo, Hossam Hassanein, Yan He, Xiaoyan Hong, Mostofa Howlader, Andrzej Jajszczyk, Anura Jayasumana, Ahmed Kamal, Peter King, Dilip Krishnaswamy, Witold Krzymień, Miguel Labrador, Khaled B. Letaief, Ye (Geoffrey) Li, Cheng Li, Hongxiang Li, Tiffany Li, Wanjiun Liao, Hai Lin, Xiaodong Lin, Jing Lin, Wenjing Lou, David Love, Kejie Lu, Ranjan K. Mallik, Patrick Marsch, B. Neelesh Mehta, Abdelhamid Mellouk, Geyong Min, Hlaing Minn, Jelena Misić, Vojislav Misić, Andy Molisch, Peter Mueller, V. Muthukkumarasamy, A. Nallanathan, Mort Naraghi-pour, Nidal Nasser, Bala Natarajan, Pavlidou Niovi, Lynda Nokdad, Guy Omidyar, Erik Perrins, Robert Piechocki, Petar Popovski, Yi Qian, Meikang Qiu, Ted Rappaport, Hazem Hejjo Refai, Fei Ren, Peter Rost, Robert Schober, Shamik Sengrpta, Abdallah Shami, Tiange Shao, Hamid Sharif, John Shea, Osvaldo Simeone, Ron Smith, Tarik Taleb, Jian Tang, Daniele Tarchi, Chintha Tellambura, Zhi Tian, Stefaho Tomasin, Damla Turgut, Matthew Valenti, Xianbin Wang, Beibei Wang, Chonggang Wang, Ping Wang, Xinbing Wang, Haohong Wang, Shuangqing Wei, Moe Win, Jack Winters, Vincent Wong, Chengshan Xiao, Linda Xie, Shugong Xu, Halim Yanikomeroglu, Mohamed Younis, Wei Zhang, Weiyi Zhang, Jian Zhang, Yanchao Zhang, Jun Zheng, Michele Zorzi.

- ◆ The meeting started by a welcome message from the WTC Chair, Chengshan Xiao. He reported that our meeting had a number of special guests/attendees including ComSoc past presidents (Celia Desmond), ComSoc vice presidents - TAC (Andrzej Jajszczyk), ComSoc board of governors (Khaled Letaief, Ted Rappaport, Andrea Goldsmith, Lajos Hanzo), TWireless Editor-in-Chief (Vijay Bhargava), TCOM Editor-in-Chief (Michele Zorzi), Dr. Jack Winters, etc. Most of them skipped other meetings to come attending our meeting. Their efforts and supports were highly appreciated.

- ◆ Then the minutes of WTC meeting at ICC08 was unanimously approved by the attendees.
- ◆ Chengshan briefly reviewed the mission statement and functions of our WTC.
- ◆ Chengshan reported current status of the committee including: the WTC positive impact on many of ComSoc Conferences and Journals, nomination for IEEE Awards, ComSoc Awards, endorsement of IEEE Fellow and Senior Membership elevations, and nomination for ComSoc Distinguished Lecturers.
- ◆ Chengshan invited WTC recognition award chair, Prof. Halim Yanikomeroglu, to report the 2008 WTC recognition awards.
- ◆ Halim reviewed the award policy, procedure, award committee members, and past awardees. Then he announced the 2008 Awardees are:

Prof. David Falconer, Carleton University, Canada, and
Prof. Ted Rappaport, University of Texas at Austin, USA
- ◆ Halim invited ComSoc Vice President of Technical Activity, Prof. Andrzej Jajszczyk, to present the Award to Prof. Ted Rappaport (Prof. David Falconer will receive his award at ICC09).
- ◆ Ted made a speech to the audience after receiving the award, he reviewed the history on related TCs and was pleased to see the great achievement of our WTC. Andrzej made a brief speech in congratulating Ted for the award, and echoed Ted's comments on the achievements of our WTC.
- ◆ Halim announced that our WTC extends an appreciation award to the volunteer students of the electronic engineering department at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, for significant contributions and help in organizing an excellent IEEE ICC in 2008. Since the student representative was not able to attend the WTC meeting due to Visa issues, the plaque will be sent to Tsinghua University later.
- ◆ Chengshan briefly summarized the conference activities, which were sponsored by WTC, and invited a number of symposium co-chairs to report their symposia.
- ◆ Prof. Ranjan Mallik reported GC 2008 – Wireless Communications Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Jenela Misic reported GC 2008 – Wireless Networking Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Nallanathan Arumugam reported ICC 2009 – Wireless Communications Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Hossam Hassanein reported ICC 2009 – Wireless Networks Symposium.

- ◆ Prof. Lutz Lampe reported ICC 2009 – Communications Theory Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Luc Deneire reported ICC 2009 – Signal Processing Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Mohamed Younis reported ICC 2009 – Ad Hoc Sensor Networks Symposium.
- ◆ Chengshan reported future ICCs and Globecom and the symposium co-chair teams.
- ◆ ICC 2009 Technical Program Chair, Prof. Gerhard Fettweis, gave an overview of ICC 2009 to the audience.
- ◆ Prof. Lajos Hanzo reported WCNC 2009.
- ◆ Chengshan briefly reviewed the technical endorsements to other international conferences related wireless communications.
- ◆ Chengshan reviewed the policy and procedure of the WTC elections, and he reported the nomination process and nomination committee for 2009-2010 WTC new officer election. The candidates are

Chair: Prof. Mohsen Guizani
Vice-Chair: Prof. Xuemin (Sherman) Shen
Secretary: Prof. Ross Murch
- ◆ Chengshan asked the candidates be excused from the meeting. He then call for discussion and casting the votes. All the three candidates are unanimously elected to their respective positions.
- ◆ Finally, Chengshan announced that the next WTC meeting will take place in ICC'09 at Dresden, Germany, June 14-18, 2009.
- ◆ Formal meeting was adjourned @ 1:15 PM, followed by informal social activities.
- ◆ **Note:** the meeting presentation slides are available at <http://bbr.uwaterloo.ca/~wtc/>