

IEEE Wireless Communications Technical Committee (WTC) Meeting Minutes at ICC 2008, Beijing, China

Time and Place: 12:30-13:45, Thursday, 22 May 2008, Yue Feng Ge Restaurant, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Beijing, China

Meeting Chair: Prof. Chengshan Xiao (WTC Chair)

Attendees: 105 (a few names and emails are illegible).

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- ◆ The meeting started by a welcome message from the WTC Chair, Chengshan Xiao. Then, the agenda was discussed and approved unanimously.
- ◆ Chengshan reported that our meeting had a number of special guests/attendees including three ComSoc past presidents, two ComSoc vice presidents, GIMS chair, 4 ComSoc board of governors. Most of them skipped other meetings to come attending our meeting. Their efforts and supports were highly appreciated.
- ◆ The minutes of WTC meeting at GC07 was unanimously approved by the attendees.
- ◆ Chengshan then reported the Committee name change to better reflect the work/activities of the committee. He mentioned that the name change proposal was supported by all related brother/sister TCs and approved by IEEE ComSoc. He then highlighted the changes and the reasons behind them. He especially appreciated Prof. Sergio Benedetto (VP-TAC), Prof. Khaled B. Letaief (BoG, EiC of TWireless), Prof. Abbas Jamalipour (EiC of IEEE Wireless Communications),

Prof. Halim Yanikomeroglu (past TCPC chair), Prof. H.H. Chen (RCC chair), and Prof. Mario Marchese (SSC chair) for their supports on the name change.

- ◆ Chengshan reviewed the new mission statement and functions of the 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 then reported the WTC Recognition Award that the committee chose to two outstanding members this year, and the winners are:

Prof. Lajos Hanzo, University of Southampton, UK, and
Prof. Gordon Stuber, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

- ◆ Chengshan invited ComSoc Vice President of Technical Activity, Prof. Andrzej Jajszczyk, to present the Award to Prof. Lajos Hanzo (Prof. Gordon Stuber received his award at GC07).
- ◆ Andrzej made a brief speech in congratulating Lajos for the award, and praising the achievements of our WTC.
- ◆ Lajos made a brief speech to the audience after receiving the award.
- ◆ The past ComSoc president, Celia Desmond, updated the IEEE ComSoc Wireless Communications Engineering Technology Certification Program. Then, she gave details on the program.
- ◆ Chengshan briefly summarized the conference activities, which were sponsored by WTC, and invited a number of symposium co-chairs to report their symposia.
- ◆ Prof. Aylin Yener reported ICC 2008 – Wireless Communications Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Romano Fantacci reported ICC 2008 – Wireless Networking Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Ranjan Mallik reported GC 2008 – Wireless Communications Symposium.
- ◆ Prof. Jenela Misic reported GC 2008 – Wireless Networking Symposium.
- ◆ Chengshan reported future ICCs and Globecom and the symposium co-chair teams.
- ◆ Lajos reported WCNC 2009.

- ◆ During the meeting, Sergio Benedetto, Khaled Ben Letaief, Roberto De Marco, Steve Weinstein, Andrzej Jajszczyk, Fred Bauer, Hamid Aghvami, Rob Fish, Kwang-Cheng Chen, Zhi Ding and Geoffrey Li have made many good suggestions on how to deal with various problems encountered in conferences and journals such as double submissions, plagiarisms, etc.
- ◆ Chengshan announced the five IEEE President-Elect Candidates, and encouraged all the members to participate the election by casting their own votes.
- ◆ Chengshan announced that the WTC will have election at GC 2008.
- ◆ Finally, Chengshan announced that the next WTC meeting will take place in GC'08 and WTC will have election at GC08.
- ◆ Formal meeting was adjourned @ 1:30 PM, followed by informal social activities.
- ◆ **Note:** the meeting presentation slides are available at <http://bbcr.uwaterloo.ca/~wtc/>