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Minutes of the meeting held during Globecom'01

Tuesday, November 27, 2001, 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, Salon A, San Antonio, Texas, USA

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Meeting Chair: Khaled Ben Letaief, TCPC Vice-Chair ([eekhaled@ee.ust.hk](mailto:EEKHALED@EE.UST.HK))

Attendees: Qi Bi, Hasan Cam, Gary Chan, Alice Chen, Kwang-Cheng Chen, Tolga Duman, Ashutush Dutta, Michael Fang, Jeffrey A. Friedhoffer, Chih-Lin I, Abbas Jamalipour, Witold Krzymien, Jelena Masic, Seshadri Mohan, Ertan Ozturk, Paul Pangalos, Zafer Sahinoglu, Behcet Sarikaya, Dilip Sarkar, Anthony Soong, Sirin Tekinay, C.-K. Toh, Malathi Veeraraghavan, Romeo Velarde, Li-Chun Wang, Halim Yanikomeroglu, Alberto Zanella, Tal Zoller.

0. Start: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

1. Welcome and Introduction: Ben Letaief welcomed all members and stated that he was chairing the meeting on behalf of Zygmunt Haas (TCPC Chair) since he was not able to make it to Globecom. Subsequently, the attendees introduced themselves.

2. Conference Reports: (Yanikomeroglu)

Remark by Yanikomeroglu: The current trend in conferences is to partition an event into many symposia; some conferences even do not have a general symposium at all. In such cases, the conference TPC chairs prefer to communicate directly with the symposia organizers which yield in lack of communication between the TPC chairs and TCPC conference reps.

Announcement by Haas (through e-mail): Milcom'02 is looking for session organizers; interested individual should contact Haas (haas@ece.cornell.edu) asap.

Announcement: ICC'04 will be held in Paris, the TPC Chair is Hikmet Sari, and the first organizational meeting will be held during ICC'02 in New York.

Globecom'01 November 25-29, San Antonio, Texas, globecom2001.com

Report by Yanikomeroglu

Reps: Halim Yanikomeroglu, Carleton U.

Ye (Geoffrey) Li, Georgia Tech (liye@research.att.com) – absent

TCPC Co-Sponsored Symposia:

- The Symposium on Ad-Hoc Wireless Networks (SAWN2001)
Chair: C.-K. Toh, Georgia Tech (cktoh@ece.gatech.edu)
- The Broadband Wireless Symposium (BWS2001)
Chair: Willie W. Lu, Siemens-Infineon USA (wvlu@ieee.org)

Remark by Yanikomeroglu: Although there were some initial concerns during the preparation phase of Globecom'01, the overall event eventually turned out to be a successful one. As expected, the attendance is less than what was originally anticipated (close to 1000 people registered), due to the 9/11 terror events and economic downturn. Around 1500 papers were submitted and around 700 were accepted, which makes the acceptance ratio a bit less than 50%.

Remark by Toh: BWS2001 has been a great success with a high-quality program including two invited overview presentations by two high-profile researchers in the field. 100 papers were submitted to this symposium and only 30 got accepted, which yields an acceptance ratio of 30%.

WCNC'02 March 17-21, Orlando, Florida, wcnc.org/2002

Report by Toh and Bi (qbi@lucent.com)

TPC Chair: Larry Milstein, U. California San Diego

Vice-Chairs: C.-K. Toh, Georgia Tech

Willie W. Lu, SIEMENS-Infineon USA

Statistics: 568 papers were submitted and 167 were accepted; this yields an acceptance ratio of less than 30%. There are 4 invited papers in the program as well.

Format: Two technical plenary sessions (W-CDMA and 4G/5G), business application sessions, industry-based panels, and two days of tutorials. WCNC'02 will be co-located with CTIA Wireless 2002.

Remark by Toh: Every effort should be made to keep WCNC as the highest-quality wireless event of IEEE; this will not happen unless the support of TCPC and the volunteers therein continue.

Remark by Chih-Lin I (WCNC Steering Committee Chair): We would like this event to be the premier wireless conference covering all aspects of wireless communications and networking, from physical layer up to the applications. Anyone interested in getting involved in the WCNC Steering Committee should contact C.-L. I (ci@att.com).

Other Comments: Krzymien argued that having WCNC always in North America will be a limitation for the event. It was pointed out that this is due to the fact that WCNC will be co-located with CTIA Wireless in the coming years. Then, Krzymien questioned whether this is a good decision or not. C.-L. I replied that the decision has already been made and if it turns out in the next few years that this arrangement is not working properly, then the co-location issue can be reconsidered at that time.

ICC'02 April 28 - May 2, New York City, NY, icc2002.com

Report by Ross Murch (eermurch@ee.ust.hk) and Michael Devetsikiotis (mdevets@eos.ncsu.edu), both through e-mail

Reps: Michael Devetsikiotis, North Carolina State U. – absent & regrets

Oguz Sunay, Sabanci U., Turkey (osunay@ku.edu.tr) – absent

Format: No general conference — 11 symposia + business application sessions + many workshops/tutorials — ComSoc's 50th anniversary celebration

TCPC Sponsorship: The following three symposia were approved for technical co-sponsorship:

- Advanced Wireless Communications Systems Symposium
- Wireless Networking Theory Symposium
- Next Generation Internet Symposium

Remark by Ben Letaief: Individuals interested in chairing a session in the Advanced Wireless Communications Systems Symposium should contact Ross Murch (eermurch@ee.ust.hk) who is the TPC Chair of that symposium.

Remark: Veeraraghavan (mv@poly.edu), TPC Chair of ICC'02, pointed out some serious problems with the organization of the Wireless Theory Symposium at ICC'02. This issue was discussed in length during the meeting and some of the members showed their dissatisfaction with what has happened.

Globecom'02 November 17-21, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C., globecom2002.com

Report by Bi and Kwang-Cheng Chen (TPC co-chair) chenkc@cc.ee.ntu.edu.tw

Reps: Witold A. Krzymien, TR Labs, Canada, wak@edm.trilabs.ca

Willie W. Lu – absent & regrets

Deadlines: Paper due: February 25, 2002 (extended). Acceptance notification: June 30, 2002. Final manuscript due: August 15, 2002.

Comments by Chen: Globecom'02 will be composed of a General Symposium and many featured symposia. The submissions and all the paper handling will be done electronically through ExpoTrack software.

Comments on ExpoTrack: C.-L. I said that there has been some problems with ExpoTrack and if those problems persist in Globecom'02 then ExpoTrack will not be used in ComSoc conferences anymore. Krzymien, on the other hand, stated that he used ExpoTrack for ICC'02 reviews and he was impressed by its performance.

ICC'03 May 11-15, Anchorage, Alaska

Report by Mohan (seshadri.mohan@comverse.com)

Reps: Djamal Zeghlache, INT, France (djamal.zeghlache@hugo.int-evry.fr) – absent & regrets

Willie W. Lu – absent & regrets

Remarks by Mohan: The TPC Chair is Ian Akyildiz, Georgia Tech (ian@ee.gatech.edu). The first organization meeting was held during this conference and it was decided that the conference will be composed of following symposia:

1. Advanced Signal Processing Communications
2. Broadband Wireless Communications & Satellite Systems
3. Communications QoS & Reliability
4. Optical Networks
5. Communications Theory
6. Global Services and Infrastructure for Next Generation Networking
7. Next Generation Internet
8. General Symposium

Deadlines: TBA

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of the TCPC meeting held on June 13, 2001, at ICC'01, Helsinki, Finland, were approved (hard copies of the minutes were distributed in the beginning of the meeting for attendees' convenience).

4. Approval of Technical Sponsorship of ASWN'02 (Ben Letaief)

Title: Second IEEE Workshop on Applications and Services in Wireless Networks

Dates & Place: July 3-5, 2002, Paris, France

TPC Co-Chairs: H. Afifi and D. Zeghlache, both from INT, France

URL: <http://www-rst.int-evry.fr/webrst/francaise/personnel/afifi.html/fws.html>

Background: TCPC was one of the technical sponsors of the first workshop ASWN'01 which was held successfully during July 25-27, 2001 – Evry, Paris, France.

Motion: The *motion* for the technical sponsorship of this conference is approved.

5. Approval of Technical Sponsorship of ISWSN'03 (Ben Letaief)

Title: International Symposium on Wireless Systems and Networks

Dates & Place: March 24-26, 2003, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

TPC Chair: Asrar U. H. Sheikh, KFUPM, Saudi Arabia

URL: <http://www.kfupm.edu.sa/iswsn03>

Background: This symposium will be the first major telecommunications event in the Gulf area.

Motion: The *motion* for the technical sponsorship of this conference is approved.

6. TCPC Award Program

Amount: \$500 per year.

Proposal by Haas (through e-mail): "I would like to propose that every year we honor one of our members who has significantly contributed to our committee or who has been an exceptional contributor to the field that our committee is chartered with."

Suggestions: Gift (rather than cash); divide among more than one person. Some attendees suggested that Haas should form a small committee to select the award winner(s). No conclusions were made.

7. Other Discussions

IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications: Ben Letaief gave information about the upcoming transactions which is having its first issue in January 2002. He stated that they have already received enough high quality submissions to facilitate the transactions for the entire 2002. He encouraged people to continue make submissions to the Trans. Wireless Commun.

Technical Sponsorship: C.-L. I stated that the technical committees are not the final bodies where the conference technical sponsorship decisions are made. She clarified that technical committees are supposed to get ComSoc's approval for such sponsorships, and added that a sponsorship becomes official only after ComSoc's approval.

Meeting Time: Krzymien said that TCCT and TCPC meetings are overlapping in this conference which should be avoided in the upcoming conferences.

8. End: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.