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Minutes of the meeting held during Globecom'02
Monday, November 18, 2002, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Grand Hyatt Hotel, Magpie Room, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC

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Meeting Chair: Zygmunt J. Haas, TCPC Chair (`haas@ece.cornell.edu`)
Attendees: Hamid Aghvami, Vijay Bhargava, Michel Bousqudr, Chung-Ju Chang, Ehab El-mallah, Michael Fang, Jeffrey Friedhiffer, Bassam Hashem, Abbas Jamalipour, Dongkyun Kim, Khaled Ben Letaief, Willie Lu, Witold Krzymien, Geoffrey Messier, David Michelson, Ross Murch, Guy Omidyar, Vijay Varma, Chin-Liang Wang, Halim Yanikomeroglu, Boon Sain Yeo, Djamal Zeghlache

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1. Start:
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Prof. Haas welcomed all the attendees.

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2. Approval of Previous Minutes:
Minutes of the TCPC meeting held on Monday, April 29, 2002, at ICC'02 (New York, USA) were approved unanimously (hard copies of the minutes were distributed in the beginning of the meeting for attendees' convenience).

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3. Conference Reports:

- **WCNC'03**

Informal Rep: Prof. Halim Yanikomeroglu
Locators: www.wcnc.org/2003, 16-20 March 2003, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
TP Chair: Prof. Roberto de Marca, PUC, Brasil (`rdemarca@comsoc.org`)
Statistics: Over 730 papers were submitted; the acceptance ratio will be around 50%.
Upcoming: WCNC 2004: 22-24 March, Atlanta, GA
WCNC 2005: 14-16 March, New Orleans, LA

- **ICC'03**

Reps: Prof. Djamal Zeghlache, INT, France (`djamal.zeghlache@hugo.int-evry.fr`)
Dr. Willie W. Lu (`wwlu@ieee.org`)

Locators: www.icc2003.com, 11-15 May 2003, Anchorage, Alaska, USA
TP Chair: Prof. Ian Akyildiz, Georgia Tech (`ian@ee.gatech.edu`)
Comments: Willie and Djamal indicated that they never got any messages from the ICC 2003 TP Chair.

- Globecom'03

Rep: Prof. Amitabh Mishra, Virginia Tech, `mishra@vt.edu` (report through e-mail)
Locators: www.globecom2003.com, 1-5 December 2003, San Francisco, California
TP Chair: Dr. Willie W. Lu, CUHK (`wwlu@ieee.org`)
Structure: The general conference and 6 symposia:
  - General Conference (Mohsen Guizani [U. of West Michigan] and Gang Wu[NTT DoCoMo, USA])
  - Wireless Communications (Djamal Zeghlache [INT, France] and Josef Hausner [Infineon, Germany])
  - Optical Networking and Systems (Ibrahim Habib [CUNY, USA])
  - Next Generation Networks and Internet (G.S. Kuo [Nat'l Chengchi University, Taiwan] and Sherman Shen [Univ. of Waterloo, Canada])
  - Communication Theory (Alex M. Haimovich [NJIT, USA] and Helmut Blcskei [ETH, Swiss])
  - Signal Processing for Communications (Tomohiko Taniguchi [Fujitsu, Japan])
  - Communications Security (Victor K. Wei [CUHK, Hong Kong] and Yile Guo [Nokia, USA])

- Milcom'03

Informal Rep: Prof. Zygmunt Haas
Locators: www.milcom.org/2003, 13-16 October 2003, Seaport Hotel Complex, Boston, MA
Host: General Dynamics C4 Systems and MITRE Corporation
Points of Contact:
  - TP Chair: Dr. Jason Providakes
  - Co-chair (unclassified): Mr. Chris Nissen
  - Co-chair (classified): Dr. David McElroy

Schedule:
  - Abstracts due: Jan 10, 2003
  - Draft papers due: March 1, 2003
  - Authors notification: May 15, 2003
  - Final papers due: June 30, 2003

Theme areas (unclassified):
  - Architecture

- Modeling, simulation, and emulation
- Mobile networks
- Application of commercial technology
- Application of advanced technology

Theme areas (classified):
- Military satellite systems
- Future terrestrial & airborne systems/networks
- Secure and robust networks
- Network operations

- **ICC'04**

Rep: Prof. Ibrahim Habib, `habib@ccny.cuny.edu` (report through e-mail)
Locators: http://www.icc2004.org, 20-24 June 2004, Paris, France
TP Chair: Dr. Hikmet Sari, Juniper Networks, France (`sari@juniper.net`)
Comments:

1. TCPC is sponsoring the "Wireless Networking Symposium". The co-sponsoring TCs are the Technical Committee on Satellites and the Technical Committee on Switching. Prof. Ibrahim Habib is chairing this symposium and there are two vice chairs: Prof. Romano Fantacci (Satellite Committee) and Prof. Franco Vatalaro. The TPC of the symposium is currently being formed. There are around 15 members at the moment; any TCPC member interested in joining should send an e-mail to Ibrahim.

2. TCPC will also sponsor tutorials and Business Applications Panels. Members who are interested in submitting proposals, please send an email to Ibrahim.

3. The ICC 2004 TPC meeting during this event will be attended by Romano (Vice Chair). Ibrahim will not be able to attend this meeting personally, however he will sign in to the conference call.

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4. Technical Activities Council Announcements:
Zygmunt reported on discussions which took place during the ComSoc Technical Activities Council (TAC) meeting held earlier during this event.

- There are 21 Technical Committees (TCs) under ComSoc's TAC. The TCs are supposed to work without conflict and competition, but rather in a complementary manner. In this context the TC & TC chair functions are being reviewed.

- Each TC has a conference representative (rep) in Globecom's and ICC's (GICC). In the upcoming GICC's (perhaps starting in 2005), these 21 TC reps will be in the Technical Program Committees of the corresponding conferences. All GICC's will have a general

conference and a number of (not too many) specialized symposia on hot topics. The Symposia Chairs will be chosen by the TP Chair in consultation with the Chairs of the sponsoring TCs.

- There is a growing concern on the usage of the "ComSoc-sponsored" label by various events. TC's do not have the final authority for technical endorsements; this authority resides with ComSoc. The events should not use the labels as "IEEE COMSOC sponsored (pending)" or "Endorsed/sponsored by IEEE ComSoc TCxx".

- JSAC welcomes special issue proposals supported by TCs.

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5. Election of New TCPC Officers:

The call for nominations had been distributed to the TCPC membership through e-mail earlier. Zygmunt reported that there were two set of nominations as follows:

- Nominations of the TCPC selection committee:
  - Chair: Prof. Khaled Ben Letaief
  - Vice-Chair: Prof. Halim Yanikomeroglu
  - Secretary: Dr. Bassam Hashem

- Other nominations:
  - Dr. Amitabh Mishra

The nominees Khaled, Bassam, and Halim were presented during the meeting. Zygmunt asked them to leave the room while the discussions took place. When the nominees were called back to the meeting room, the new Officer (for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004) were announced by Zygmunt:

- Chair: Prof. Khaled Ben Letaief
- Vice-Chair: Prof. Halim Yanikomeroglu
- Secretary: Dr. Bassam Hashem

The subsequent election process will take place at the TCPC meeting which will be held during Globecom 2004 (29 Nov - 3 Dec 2004, Dallas, Texas).

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6. Subcommitees:

Zygmunt reported that TCPC currently has only one subcommittee as follows:
- Open Mobile Services Subcommittee
- Members: 1) Dr. Fawzi Daoud (Chair), 2) Dr. Do van Thanh, 3) Dr. Hemant Chaskar
- Term: ICC 2002 - ICC 2004 (renewable)

7. Other Business & End:

Khaled thanked Zygmunt for exemplary service he provided during his Chairship of TCPC; the attendees indicated their appreciation as well.

There were no other business. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.