

IEEE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of the meeting held during Globecom 03

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San Francisco Marriott, Room Sierra A, San Francisco, USA

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Meeting Chair: Khaled Ben Letaief, TCPC Chair (ekhaled@ee.ust.hk)

Attendees: Halim Yanikomeroglu, Bassam Hashem, Romano Fantacci, Shahrokh Valaee, Rahim Tafazolli, Heiuuch Stuttgen, Marcelo Alencar, Xavier Fernando, Nallanatharr Arumugam, Rath Vannithamby, Sebnem Ozer, Huseyin Arslan, Li-Chon Wang, Miulos Ronai, Jelena Mistic, R. Thomas Derryberry, Seong-Jun Oh, Oguz Sunay, Daethyoung Hong, Dong In Kim, Sang Kim, Anthony Soong, Roch Glitho, Maria Merani, Simon Armour, Marc Girod Genet, Djamal Zeghlache, Ramjee Prasad, Mustafa Matalgah, Ekram Hossain, Anthony Boucouralue, Hamid Aghvami, Elvino Sousa, Roberto de Marca, Steve Weinstein

1. Start:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Professor Khaled welcomed all the attendees.

2. Announcements:

- The TCPC website has been moved to <http://www.sce.carleton.ca/tcpc/>, Special thanks to Prof. Halim, TCPC Vice-Chair, for putting it together at Carleton University. People who don't have a password can get it through instructions given in the TCPC homepage.
- Conferences currently sponsored by TCPC:
 - Workshop on Applications and Services in Wireless Networks (**ASWN 2004**)
9-11 Aug. 2004 in Boston, MA
<http://csr.bu.edu/aswn2004/>
Prof. Djamal Zeghlache (djamal.zeghlache@int-evry.fr)
 - IEEE Circuit and Systems Society's Symposium on Frontiers of Mobile and Wireless Communication (**IEEE CAS 2004**)
May 31- June 2, 2004, Shanghai
Steve Weinstein (Contact Person) (weinstein5@comcast.net)
 - Annual Workshop Telecommunications Symposium (**WTS 2004**)
14-15 May 2004 in Pomona, CA
<http://www.csupomona.edu/wtsi/>
Dr. Steven R. Powell (Contact Person) srpowell@csupomona.edu
 - Wireless and Optical Communications Conference (**WOCC 2004**)
8-10 March 2004 in Taipei, Taiwan
<http://www.csupomona.edu/wtsi/>
Dr. Chih-Lin I (Contact Person) icl@ITRI.ORG.TW
 - IEEE International Symposium on Wireless Communication Systems (ISWCS'04) (**ISWCS'04**)
20-22 Sept. 2004 in Mauritius
<http://www.uom.ac.mu/events/iswcs04.htm>
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3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of the TCPC meeting held on Monday May 12th 2003 at ICC 2003 were approved unanimously (hard copies of the minutes were distributed in the beginning of the meeting for attendees' convenience)

4. TCPC Recognition Award:

PRICE

A recognition plaque.

BASIS FOR JUDGING

A person with a high degree of visibility and contribution in the field of "Personal, Wireless and Mobile Systems and Networks." He/She needs to be a ComSoc member and a TCPC member.

PRESENTATION

Annually at one of the TCPC meetings. No more than 2 awards will be given per year.

NOMINATION

- Nomination will be solicited from TCPC members annually. The nomination should include a (short) sentence for "what service or accomplishment" the person is nominated for and a one page supporting material. Additionally, letters supporting the nomination may be sent to the TCPC Award Committee Chair (with the nomination or separately).
- Closing Date for Nominations – *30 September of every year.*

TCPC RECOGNITION AWARD COMMITTEE

Chair

Exiting TCPC Chair (**Zygmunt Haas**)

Members

1. Current TCPC Chair (**K. B. Letaief**)
2. Past TCPC Chair (**Elvino Sousa**)
3. 2nd Past TCPC Chair (**Justin Chuang**)
4. TCPC Member * (**Witold Krzymien**)

*Appointed by the TCPC Chair for one year (renewable for a maximum of one year.)

- Out of all nominations received, 5 names were short-listed and votes were done after many discussions (*No secret votes*).

- Award Winner:

- **Professor Ramjee Prasad**

Co-director of Center for PersonKommunikation
Aalborg University

The award was given to Professor Ramjee Prasad. A plaque was handled by the TCPC chair to Professor Prasad.

5. Conference Reports and Reps:

• ICC'03

Reps: Prof. Djamel Zeghlache, djamal.zeghlache@int-evry.fr & Willie 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)

• Globecom'03

Rep: Prof. Amitabh Mishra, mishra@vt.edu

Locators: www.globecom2003.com, 1-5 Dec. 2003, San Francisco

There were 730 submissions for the Wireless Communications Symposia while the

General Conference had 350 submissions. There was a one week delay for notifications and reviews. The conference attracted 1400 attendees. The no show was 15%.

- **ICC'04**

Rep: Prof. Ibrahim Habib, habib@ccny.cuny.edu

Locators: www.icc2004.org , 20-24 June 2004, Paris, France

The TCPC is co-organizing the wireless networking symposium at ICC 2004. We received a record number of papers (more than 500 papers). This is highest number of papers compared to other symposia at ICC 2004. More than 70 TPC members are involved in reviewing and arranging the reviews for those papers. Acceptance is expected to be around 30 to 35%.

- **Globecom'04**

Reps: Prof. Mostofa K. Howlader, University of Tennessee & Prof. Abbas Jamalipour, University of Sydney

Locators: www.globecom2004.org , 29 Nov - 3 Dec 2004, Dallas

TCPC co-sponsoring "Wireless Communications, Networks, and Systems Symposium"

- **ICC'05**

Locators: www.icc05.org/ , 15-19 May 2005, Seoul, Korea

TP: Prof. Kwang Bok LEE, klee@snu.ac.kr

- **Symposium on Wireless Communications**

- Co-sponsored by TCPC and Radio Committee
 - *Co-Chairs:* Prof K B Lee and Dr. Mansoor Shafi
 - *Vice-Chairs:* Dr. Peter Smith and TBD (from TCPC)

- **Symposium on Wireless Networking**

- Co-sponsored by TCPC and Radio Committee
 - *Co-Chairs:* Profs. Romano Fantacci and Roberto Saracco
 - *Vice-Chairs:* Bassam Hashem and TBD (from Radio)

- **Globecom'05**

A rep is needed for this conference.

Other Conferences

- **WCNC'04** , 21-25 March, 2004 Atlanta , Dr. Steve Weinstein (TPC), Halim Yanikomeroglu (Vice Chair)

Few problems were faced using the review software. During 2003, 730 papers were received while 1100 papers were received for WCNC2004. The acceptance ratio was 45%. The large number of submissions created a problem in the review process. With 80+ TPC members, still some reviews were needed at the time of the TCPC meeting. The conference will be held simultaneously with CTIA where the plenary session will be joint with CTIA. Steve indicated that most of the authors are from academia and that the conference will have 450 papers and 11 tutorials. The proceedings will be available online (before the conference) to registered persons only. WLAN will also be available during the conference so bring your WiFi cards!

- **Milcom'03** , 13 Oct. 2003, Boston , Prof. Zygmunt Haas
Professor Haas indicated that he will not be following Milcom conferences. Professor Huseyin Arslan has volunteered to keep updating the TCPC committee about Milcom activities.
- **Milcom'04** , 31 Oct-Nov 3. 2004, Monterey, Prof. Zygmunt Haas

Locators: www.milcom2003.org

Milcom 2004 have not (yet?) solicited TCPC help and so there is little

To be reported. Abstracts are due: February 27, 2004, draft papers are due: April 2, 2004, and the authors will be notified by May 21, 2004. The final camera-ready papers will be due July 2, 2004.

- **PIMRC'03** , Sep.7-11, 2003, Beijing , Prof. Hamid Aghvami

Due to the SARS concerns, the number of attendance was lower than usual. The conference didn't make any money but at least it broke even.

- **PIMRC'04** , 5-8 September 2004, Barcelona, Spain, Prof. Hamid Aghvami

Locators: www.pimrc2004.org

Professor Aghvami indicated that technical sessions and tutorials are welcomed.

6. **Technical Activities Council Meeting** (the meeting was attended by Dr. Bassam Hashem)

- The TAC chairman Bill Tranter will be the Director of Education and Harvey Freeman will replace him as a chair for TAC.
- It was requested to promote technical committees in the conference program
- The TC on Gigabit Networking has been renamed to TC on High Speed networking
- Online tutorials have been introduced were slides plus voice are to be provided by the authors. The cost of each tutorial is 200 US\$. Currently there are 10 tutorials are up and running (www.comsoc.org/tutorials) The targeted number of tutorials is between 20 and 25. Technical committees are solicited to submit topics and names.
- Distinguished lectures are also to be provided online.
- IEEE Custom and Conference Publishing: Ann Brugmeyer informed the attendees that there is a new software that can be used to organize conferences which is called IEEE Conferencing Express. Demos for the software were conducted during the conference.
- Emerging Technologies: Technical committees are invited to suggest new areas.
- Nim Cheung informed the attendees that two new technical committees are to be formed:
 - i. Network Security
 - ii. Sensor Networks
- An emerging technologies column has been launched in the communications magazine. Few articles have already been published. New ideas/contributions are welcomed.
- Standards area: ComSoc is to get more involved in the pre standardization activities. Examples of IEEE association with other standards are WWRF, IETF, NARTE.

7. **Other business & End:**

- Halim has mentioned that ICC and Globecom are now a group of symposia. Originally the selected reps are automatically part of the conference TPC. The inherited concept of reps is redundant. Khaled indicated that Comsoc has 21 committees: The reps will handle all the papers and select their committee papers. The reps will also organize sessions. The general Symposia will include everything and hence reps are needed. The reps should be the TPC of the general Symposia. Hence it was concluded that reps are still needed.
- Transactions on Wireless Communications: Khaled indicated that the journal has been established now for 2 years, more than 700 papers were received this year. Review process within 4 months on average.
- Khaled thanked the attendees for their participation; there were no other business. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.