

Communication Theory Technical Committee (CTTC)
Globecom 2013, Atlanta, GA, USA
10 December 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The meeting minutes from the ICC 2013 meeting were approved.
2. CTTC was recently audited and recertified. ComSoc's evaluation of CTW was discussed.
3. The chair solicited volunteers for future Globecom/ICC symposia co-chairs.
4. Globecom 2013, ICC 2014, Globecom 2014, CTW 2013, CTW 2014, and CTW 2015 reports were given.
5. CTTC awards were presented.

DETAILED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM
Angel Lozano, Chair, conducting

OPENING BUSINESS

1. A. Lozano called attention to the minutes from the ICC 2013 CTTC meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. A. Lozano reported that CTTC recently had its regular audit (conducted by the Technical Activities Board, chaired by Len Cimini). CTTC was recertified and our level of activity was commended. There were some very minor formatting issues with our web page.
3. A. Lozano gave an update on a recurring issue, that ComSoc has listed CTW as "underperforming" because of finances, and also because of lack of satisfaction surveys. Progress is being made with ComSoc due to more dialog. Additionally, a survey was implemented for CTW'13, and there were 47 respondents, with a largely enthusiastic evaluation. Selected comments praised the fruitfulness of the workshop, and asked for a continued practice of inviting the best people/panels to speak on emerging/diverse topics in comm theory.
4. A. Lozano reported that CTTC made four nominations for Distinguished Lecturers. He also mentioned the need for new volunteers for co-chairs for ICC and Globecom symposia. The CTTC secretary maintains a list of such volunteers. Those interested can contact a CTTC officer (A. Lozano, M. Valenti, or E. Perrins).

REPORTS

1. Globecom 2013: M. Valenti gave the report prepared by A. Nallanathan. 136 papers were handled by the 127-member TPC. Each paper was allocated to 4 reviewers and 51 papers were returned with 3 reviews, 84 with 4 reviews, and 1 with 5 reviews. 50 papers were accepted (36.7%) and placed in 9 oral sessions and one poster session (5 papers per session).
2. ICC 2014: F. Babich reported that 141 papers are being handled by the 159-member TPC. The average number of reviews per paper is 3.5, and the average paper score is 3.3. The provisional acceptance rate is 38%. The paper acceptance notification date is 12 Jan 2013.
3. Globecom 2014: P.Y. Kam reported that the TPC currently has 146 members and they expect 250 paper submissions. The paper submission deadline is 1 April 2014. J. Andrews commented that that date will be firm, in an effort to change the culture of deadline extensions that has developed in recent years.
5. CTW 2013: A. Lozano reported that the technical program was a success. The workshop was also a financial success, with a net income of \$15.6k, a major factor in this was sponsorships from industry. There were 90+ participants, 5 plenary talks, 5 special sessions, 2 panels, and 1 poster session.
6. CTW 2014: W. Yu reported that CTW'14 will be May 25-28 in Curaçao. This location offers an attractive mix of European and South-American cultures in a Caribbean location. The technical sessions are organized. There are 2 technical sponsors, more are being sought.
7. CTW 2015: H. Jafarkhani reported that he and S. Jafar are finalizing details for the workshop to be held in Dana Point, California.
8. Future CTWs: J. Andrews was called on and gave an explanation of the CTW selection process. The attendees were encouraged to submit their ideas via e-mail.

MORE BUSINESS

1. CTTC awards were presented by M. Valenti (the current members of the awards committee are: M. Valenti [chair], R. Heath, R. Raheli, D. Tuninetti, and J. Winters). The Outstanding Service Award was given to Michael Rice, and the Technical Achievement Award was given to Andrea Goldsmith.

2. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

Minutes taken by E. Perrins

Attendance: 50

Attendance List (in alphabetical order)

Hamid Aghvami
SaiDhiraj Amuru
Jeffery Andrews
Ender Ayanoglu
Fulvio Babich
Maite Brandt-Pearce
Len Cimini
Andrea Conti
Shuguang (Robert) Cui
Claudio da Silva
Huaiyu Dai
Roberto de Marca
Luc Deneire
Octavia Dobre
Maged Elkashlan
Faramarz Fekri
Gerhard Fettweis
Costas Georgiades
Andrea Giorgetti
Andrea Goldsmith
Martin Haenggi
Robert Heath
Hamid Jafarkhani
PY Kam
Taejoon Kim
Lutz Lampe
Nicholas Laneman
F. Javier Lopez-Martinez
David Love
Angel Lozano
Ranjan Mallik
Alexandros Manolakos
Philippa Martin
Andy Molisch
Ratheesh Mungara
M. Reza Nakhai
Krishna Narayanan
Mohammad Noshad
Aria Nosratinia
Erik Perrins
Petar Popovski
Michael Rice
Peter Rost
Shabnam Sodagari
Matt Valenti
Moe Win
Wei Yu
Seyed Zekavat
Weiliang Zeng
Rosa Zheng