

Communication Theory Technical Committee (CTTC)

20 May 2008

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Conference and workshop reports were given for CTW 2008, CTW 2009, and ICC 2009.
2. Two proposals for CTW 2010 (Levi, Finland and Playa del Carmen, Mexico) were discussed. A vote resulted in a 7-7 tie, and it was agreed to defer the decision to a later time (to be discussed over email and possibly at Globecom 2009).
3. Michael Rice emphasized the need for nominations for the outstanding service award.

DETAILED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Michael Rice, Vice Chair, conducting.

Introductions were made.

REPORTS

The following conference and workshop reports were given:

1. CTW 2008: R. Heath gave a report on the success of the recent CTW (held in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands). There were 5 invited sessions, 2 panel discussions, and a contributed poster session. There were approximately 75 attendees. To allow attendees to enjoy the setting, a 3 hour lunch break was scheduled each day - this resulted in very good attendance at all sessions. It was noted that external sponsorship was critical to the success of the workshop (Qualcomm - 5K; TI, Motorola, Intel: 2K). The budget is still being finalized, but is expected to be positive. The conference website will be archived on a permanent website, and organizational resources are available for future CTW's.
2. CTW 2009: M. Rice reported on arrangements for CTW 2009, which will be held in Napa, California on a date to be finalized (tentatively between April 26 and June 6, 2009). Michael Rice is the general chair, and Andreas Molisch and Giuseppe Caire are serving as the technical co-chairs. Two venues are currently under consideration (Silverado Resort, Villagio Inn and Spa), and the format will be similar to CTW 2008 (2 full day sessions, one half day, with a welcoming reception on Sunday evening).
3. ICC 2009: It was reported that the TPC is in place in EDAS.

NOTE: Many conference organizers were unable to attend this meeting because a VIP ICC dinner was scheduled at the same time.

BUSINESS

1. Two proposals for CTW 2010 were presented: M. Juntti presented a proposal to hold the workshop in Levi, Finland (a ski resort in Northern Finland) from April 11-14. M. Juntti would serve as general chair, with S. Ullukus and G. Abreu as technical co-chairs. It was stressed that April is peak ski season in northern Finland, there are a variety of lodging options available, and that CTW was last held in Europe in 2004. The registration fee is expected to be around 500 Euros. R. Heath presented (for Jeff Andrews) a proposal to hold the workshop in Playa del Carmen, Mexico from May 17-19, 2010. J. Andrews would serve as general chair, with A. Lozano and N. Jindal as technical co-chairs. It was stressed that Playa del Carmen is easily accessible (one hour drive from Cancun), is safe and has many options for activities, and that this location would fit in with the tradition of having CTW alternative between east and west North America/USA (Playa del Carmen is somewhat closer to the eastern US). The registration is expected to be \$500 US.

Extensive discussion followed. Some key points made:

- (a) It needs to be determined whether CTW is an international or US-based workshop. CTW has

historically been held in the US (two recent exceptions - Capri, Italy in 1994 and Rhodes, Greece in 1991).

(b) The timing of the Finland workshop (April) was noted to be difficult for US academics, and the price (500 E) could also be quite high due to the US-Euro exchange rate.

(c) It was noted that the Mexico proposal is only one week before ICC 2010 (May 23-27) in South Africa, which may make travel difficult.

A vote was taken on whether to accept only one of the two proposals, or to accept two proposals for 2010 and 2011. The vote was (1) for accept one, and (15) for accept 2 for 2 years.

M. Juntti noted that 2011 would likely work for the Finland proposal, but it was not know if the Mexico proposal would work in 2011.

A vote was then taken to decide the 2010 location; there were (7) for Finland and (7) for Mexico. M. Rice noted that the decision could be made at a later time, possibly on email. It may also be possible to discuss this at Globecom.

2. M. Rice noted that nominations for the outstanding service award are needed.

Adjourned: 7:03 PM

Attendance: 33