Globecom 2004
Tuesday November 30, 2004
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dallas, Texas
Meeting chair: Sergio Benedetto (benedetto@polito.it)
Meeting minutes recorded by Sergio Benedetto

0- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.
Sergio Benedetto welcomed all members and presented the agenda of the meeting.

1- Peter Mc Lane reported the conclusion of the Committee Chair Election for the New Chair of the Committee. The suggested name is Costas Georghiades.

2- Sergio Benedetto asks for any other names in alternative coming from the attendees. There were none. Sergio Benedetto then asks for a nomination of Costas Georghiades by acclamation: everybody agrees on the name, so that Costas Georghiades will be the new Chair of the Committee starting January 1st, 2005. Costas addressed briefly the Committee, expressing his thanks for the election and his willingness to do his best for the success of the Committee in the future. He will soon choose a Vice Chair and a Secretary, and let the Committee know.

3- Conference Reports:

3-a Globecom 2004 (Dallas, Texas, November 2004). Communication Theory Symposium (Reps: Naofal Aldhahir, Len Cimini, Dennis Goeckel, and Brian Hughes). Len Cimini addressed the committee. He said that this was the best experience that he has ever had for a conference. The 40-person TPC did an excellent job, and got almost every review (3 for each paper) in on time (and ahead of all of the other symposia). In addition, Ted (the TP Chair) and his staff were great to work with. Len added that there were 266 submissions to the Comm. Theory Symposium. This is consistent with past GLOBECOM and ICC (except for Paris). 110 papers are in the conference proceedings -- 41% acceptance rate (which seemed about right for the Reps given the reviews.). There were 12 full sessions and 4 half-sessions.

3-b ICC 2005 (Seoul, Korea, May 2005). Communication Theory Symposium (Reps: Fulvio Babich and Tolga M. Duman). Fulvio Babich addressed the committee. A 52 members TPC has been constituted. They have concluded in time the review process, with at least 3 written review per paper. Acceptance rate was 33%, quite low because of the space allowed for the sessions.

3-c Globecom 2005 (St-Louis, Missouri, USA, November 2005). Communication Theory Symposium (Reps: Chintha Tellambura and Katie Wilson). Chintha Tellambura addressed the committee. The TPC has been constituted. Our reps made sure that the members are motivated and available to handle the papers submitted to the Comm-Theory symposium. Our representative for the general conference will be: Michael Rice.

3-d ICC 2006 (Istanbul, Turkey, June 2006). Erdal Panayirci addressed the Committee describing the status of the organization. Sergio Benedetto then proposed, based on the Conference Technical Program Committee requests, that Sergio benedetto be the Comm. Th. Symposium Chair, with co-chairs being Ender Ayanoglu, Sedat Oelcer and Bane Vasic. The team was accepted by the attendees. Ender Ayanoglu was present and accepted. Sedat Oelcer and Bane Vasic are still to be contacted.

4- Workshops Reports:

4a- Workshop 2005. Michael Rice addressed the committee. The workshop will be held the first week of June in Park City, Utah. The general chair is: Christian Schlegel, the technical program co-chairs are: Costas Georghiades and Witold Krzymien, and the local arrangement chair is: Michael Rice. The treasurer is: Behrouz Farhang Boroujeny. The workshop website is available at http://www.ece.ualberta.ca/~ctw05/.

The workshop agenda is available at http://www.ece.ualbera.ca/~ctw05/agenda.html.

Info on the Park City resort is available at: http://www.parkcityinfo.com/.

The proposed workshop center is the: Stein Eriksen Lodge.

Rooms $ 139 and Suites $ 235. All rooms have internet access.

4b- Workshop 2006. Sergio Benedetto, addressing the Committee, mentioned that the CTW 2004 broke the US east-west tradition. If we want to return to it, CTW 2006 should be held on the east coast (it was normally
Florida). We need then volunteers to organize the workshop, which means propose a location, pick the program Chairman (Chairmen), etc. No volunteers so far. The issue has been passed to the next Chair, who will start soon working on it.

5- Conference endorsement. Sergio benedetto addressed the Committee, mentioning that two Conferences have been endorsed by him on behalf of the Committee, after an electronic mail procedure needed for the short time frame:

a) ICU 2005

b) 5th International Workshop on Multi-carrier Spread Spectrum.

The Meeting was ended by 7 pm.