

Communication Theory Technical Committee (CTTC)
Globecom 2014, Austin, TX, USA
9 December 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The meeting minutes from the ICC 2014 meeting were approved.
2. A proposal was presented for a new Communication Theory Workshop Steering Committee.
3. Globecom 2014, ICC 2015, Globecom 2015, CTW 2015, and CTW 2016 reports were given.
4. CTTC awards were announced.
5. A. Lozano conducted the election for the new CTTC chair, and M. Valenti was elected.

DETAILED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM
Angel Lozano, Chair, conducting

OPENING BUSINESS

1. A. Lozano called attention to the minutes from the ICC 2014 CTTC meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. A. Lozano, in his "Chair Remarks," reported that 3 CTTC members have been nominated for ComSoc Distinguished Lecturer (two men, one woman). He also reported on the ComSoc "Best Readings," which covers a wide (and always expanding) range of topics spanning all of ComSoc. L. Cimini is currently the EiC. M. Valenti will begin as EiC in 2015. CTTC would like to have 1 or so issues per year on a topic of interest to our members. Everyone is encouraged to suggest topics to M. Valenti, or to volunteer as a guest editor.
3. A. Lozano solicited volunteers for co-chairing future ICC/Globecom symposia. Those interested in volunteering should contact a CTTC officer.
4. A. Lozano outlined a new proposal for a Communication Theory Workshop Steering Committee, to serve as a repository for our collective experience and advise the individual organizing committees. He proposed that the CTW Steering Committee consist of 3-5 members (similar to the current Selection Committee, which would be phased out), a presiding ex-officio member drawn from the current CTTC officers (rotated every year), and 4 other members chosen among recent CTTC chairs and recent CTW organizers. The committee membership would rotate every 1-2 years, and members would be appointed by the CTTC chair and the presiding member. Comments were solicited from the floor. C. Georghiades suggested that the Steering Committee not be presided over by a CTTC officer (because of the additional load), but that a dedicated Chair be appointed. A formal proposal will be presented for approval at ICC'15.

SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOP REPORTS

1. Globecom 2014: P.Y. Kam reported that the acceptance rate was 60/150. Best paper awards would be drawn from the "Best of Globecom" papers, a number of papers will get awards. The "interactive session" follows the same format as a poster session, and is meant to add prestige; the use of a small presentation screen eliminates the problem of the authors printing and transporting a separate poster.
2. ICC 2015: T. Quek reported that the review process is coming to an end and the paper acceptance notification would be sent out on Jan 10. A. Lozano asked why there had been two deadline extensions. M. Brandt-Pearce clarified that one had been a correction to erroneous dates, and one had been an extension.
3. Globecom 2015: O. Dobre reported that the TPC members are being recruited and the call for papers is being finalized.
4. CTW 2015: H. Jafarkhani reported on the current plans for the panels and sessions. One question was raised about a morning panel being planned, the reason was to accommodate the availability of the panelists and that it would be a plenary-type panel.
5. CTW 2016: C. Papadias presented plans and options for a location in Nafplio, Greece. In addition to the hotel venue, he outlined a number of nearby places to visit in the Peloponnese region.

MORE BUSINESS

1. CTTC awards were announced 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 Ender Ayanoglu, and two Technical Achievement Awards were given, to Reinaldo Valenzuela and Norman Beaulieu. These awards will be presented officially at a later date.

2. A. Lozano administered an election for CTTC chair, and briefly outlined the policies and procedures. The selection committee recommended M. Valenti as a candidate. A. Lozano opened it up to the floor for any additional nominations, none were put forward. By unanimous vote M. Valenti, was elected as the new CTTC chair.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Minutes taken by E. Perrins

Attendance: 85

Attendance List (in alphabetical order)

Mohamed Abdallah
George Alexandropoulos
Mohamed-Slim Alouini
SaiDhiraj Amuru
Fulvio Babich
Aggelos Bletsas
Maite Brandt-Pearce
Fredrik Brannstrom
Michael Buehrer
Abdulkadir Celik
Zhengchuan Chen
Andrea Conti
Mainak Chowdhury
Huaiyu Dai
Zaher Dawy
Yansha Deng
Rui Dinis
Harpreet Dhillon
Marco Di Renzo
Fadel Digham
Octavia Dobre
Ahmed Douik
Trung Duong
Maged Elkhshlan
Khaul Elkhshlan
Bridget Erlikh
Pingyi Fan
Martin Haenggi
Radha Krishna Ganti
Geordie George
Costas Georghiades
Hakim Ghazzai
Ali Ghayeb
Andrea Giorgetti
Alexandre Graell i Amat
M. Cenk Gursoy
Mazen Hasna
Syed Jafar
Hamid Jafarkhani
Tamer Khattab
PY Kam
Koji Kamakura
Marios Kountouris
Erik Larsson
Tao Li
Lingjia Liu
Javier Lopez Martinez
David Love
Angel Lozano
Ranjan Mallik
Hlaing Minn
Urbashi Mitra
Amr Mohamed
Ratheesh Mungara
Krishna Narayanan
Telex Ngatched
Hideki Ochiai
Alevizos Panes
Constantinos Papadias
Erik Perrins
Tony Quek
Nordin Ramli
Michael Rice
Peter Rost
John Shea
Yuan Shen
Anthony Soong
Leszek Szczecinski

Andrea Tonello
Dimitris Toumpakaris
Velio Tralli
Matt Valenti
Reinaldo Valenzuela
Cesar Vargas
Steven Weber
Jack Winters
Jen-Ming Wu
Gerhard Wunder
Henk Wymeersch
Aylin Yener
Wei Yu
Xiaojun Yuan
Jinhong Yuan
Jun Zhang
Xiangyun Zhou