EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The minutes from the ICC 2016 meeting were approved.


3. CTTC awards were announced.

4. The new chair of CTTC was elected.

DETAILED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
Matt Valenti, Chair, presiding

OPENING BUSINESS

1. M. Valenti opened the meeting by explaining that CTTC exists because of its members, and explained the definition of active membership. He then introduced the officers: Maite Brandt-Pearce (Secretary) and Erik Perrins (Vice Chair).

2. M. Valenti called attention to the minutes from the ICC 2016 CTTC meeting, which were approved with no corrections or additions requested.

3. In his Chair’s Remarks, M. Valenti explained what the CTTC is, and how to get involved. He emphasized the role of CTTC in the Communication Theory, Signal Processing for Communication, and Wireless Communication symposia. He also highlighted the role of CTTC in nominating members for awards. He announced and congratulated the Committee’s new IEEE Fellows. He introduced the new website. He outlined the role of the mailing list, and how to subscribe. He explained Best Readings and encouraged members to recommend topics. The Chair concluded his remarks by soliciting volunteers to get involved with CTTC: co-chair future ICC/Globecom symposia, TPC member for symposia, organizers for CTW, etc. Those interested in volunteering should contact a CTTC officer.

4. E. Perrins, the chair of the Awards Committee announced the three awards, one of which has never been awarded before, the Early Achievement Award. He then described the three awards, the CTTC Awards Committee, the awards process, and past recipients. He announced the new award winners: Marios Kountouris won the 2016 Early Achievement Award, Behnaam Aazhang won the 2016 Service Awards, and Jack Winters won the 2016 Technical Achievement Award. As none of the recipients were in attendance, each of these awards will be presented at either ICC 2017 or CTW 2017.

5. M. Valenti summarized the location and dates of upcoming ICC and GLOBECOM conferences through 2020.
SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOP REPORTS

4. Communication Theory Symposium Reports:
   - Globecom 2016: P Popovki reported on paper statistics. He announced the best paper award.
   - ICC 2017: F. Babich gave statistics on paper submissions and number of TPC members. The expected acceptance rate was disclosed. Important dates were discussed.
   - Globecom 2017: M. De Renzo shared the organizers of the Symposium, the dates, and the venue, Singapore.

5. Workshop Reports:
   - CTW 2017: On behalf of S. Hanly (the General Chair), J. Andrews presented plans for the workshop in Fiji, June 11-14. He presented beautiful photos of the venue, the Intercontinental Hotel, listed the organizing committee, and travel options. He encouraged attendees to submit posters. He then showed an outline of the technical program, and the registration fees.
   - CTW 2018: E. Perrins presented plans for the workshop in Puerto Rico. He presented some details on the proposed venue, and that the contract is being negotiated. The dates are May 14-16, 2018, the week before ICC in Kansas. He then listed the Organizing Committee. He gave some possible travel options and details of how to get to the venue. More gorgeous photos.
   - CTW 2019: P. Popovki presented a proposal to have the workshop in Iceland. There may be issues with the size of the available venues. Nice photos of Iceland and travel options were shown. P. Popovki would be the General Chair and E. Larsson would be the TPC Chair.

MORE BUSINESS

7. Officer Elections:
   - M. Valenti described the officer election process.
   - One nominee for Chair was endorsed by the nomination committee, E. Perrins. The floor was open to other Chair candidates, but no others were nominated.
   - The nominee made a few comments about his goals.
   - Once the candidate stepped out of the room, there was a short discussion about the candidate. A motion to elect E. Perrins as Chair was made and seconded. Vote in support of the nominee was by show of hands and was unanimous.
   - E. Perrins was brought back into the room and congratulated on this new role. The committee thanks him for his willingness to serve.

New Business
   - The chair-elect thanked M. Valenti and the previous chairs.
   - The current chair thanked the current officers and showed some photos taken during meetings.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes taken by M. Brandt-Pearce
Attendance List (in alphabetical order; 103 in attendance):

Afana, Ali
Affes, Sofiène
Aguayo-Torres, Mari Carmen
Alexandropoulos, George
Alouini, Mohammad Slim
Amin, Osama
Anderson, Chris
Andrews, Jeffery
Armada, Ana Garcia
Assaad, Mohamad
Ayanoglu, Ender
Babich, Fulvio
Batalama, Stella
Bennis, Mehdi
Bjornson, Emil
Brandt-Pearce, Maite
Celik, Abdulkadir
Cheng, Julian
Choi, Junil
Chraiti, Mohaned
Cimini, Len
Conti, Andrea
Cui, Ying
Dai, Wenhan
Dai, Huaiyu
Dardari, Davide
Dhillon, Harpreet
Di Renzo, Marco
Dinis, Rui
Elkashlan, Maged
Elsawy, Hesham
Fettweis, Gerhard
Georghiades, Costas
Ghanem, Samah A.M.
Ghosh, Amitava
Ghrayeb, Ali
Giordetti, Andrea
Gonzalez-Prelcic, Nuria
Guillaud, Maxime
Haenggi, Martin
Heath, Robert
Hochwald, Bert
Ikki, Salama
Tolli, Antti
Tsiftsis, Theodoros
Tsiropoulou, Eirini Eleni
Tuninetti, Daniela
Ulukus, Sennur
Valenti, Matthew
Wang, Kehao
Wang, Tianheng
Weber, Steven
Win, Moe
Wu, Hsiao-Chun
Wunder, Gerhard
Yener, Aylin
Yu, Wei
Yuan, Jinhong
Zekavat, Seyed