

Minutes of the ONTC Meeting
Globecom 2006, San Francisco, USA
Room of Dons, Mark Hopkins Hotel
November 28, 2006, 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Attendees: Massimo Tornatore, Achille Pattavina, Biswanath Mukherjee, Dilip Sarkar, Kejie Lu, Dominic Schupke, Vincent Chan, Yonggang Wen, Isabella Cerutti, Nicola Sambo, Guy Weichenberg, Lillian Dai, Ashwin Gumaste, Nasir Ghani, Maurice Gagnaire, Jun Zheng, S.Q. Zheng, Wai Pang Ng, Xiaojun Cao, Andrej Jajszczyk, Gregor v. Bochmann, M.M. Hasan, Qingya She, Huan Song, Hongfang Yu, Kohei Shiomoto, Walter Cerroni, Cicek Cavdar, Roberto Rojas-Cessa, Eiji Oki, Wojciech Kabacinski, Andrea Bianco, Yufeng Xin, Piotr Cholda, Marwan Batayneh, Suman Sarkar, Tarek El-Bawab, Anura Jayasumana, Chunming Qiao, Suresh Subramaniam, Admela Jukan, George Rouskas, Jason Jue

Jason opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

1. Welcome and self introductions.

Jason explained the objectives of ONTC.

2. Approval of minutes ICC 2006.

The minutes were approved.

3. Conference updates.

a. Maurice Gagnaire reported on GlobeCom 2006. The Optical Symposium has 10 sessions of 6 papers each. 189 papers were submitted. The papers were of good quality. Maurice discussed the issue of poster versus oral presentations. He strongly emphasized that there is no difference in quality.

b. Biswanath Mukherjee reported on OFC 2007. The Networking Subcommittee is composed of 8 people, chaired by Biswanath. There were 128 submission. The TPC meeting will be held on Thursday in Washington, DC to select the papers.

c. Suresh Subramaniam reported on ICC 07. The co-chairs are Suresh, Stefano Bregni, and Wojciech Kabacinsky. The Optical Symposium had 160 submission, about 60 papers will be accepted.

It was mentioned that a speakers' breakfast will still be offered. There were complaints about the absence of speakers' breakfast at Globecom.

d. Admela Jukan reported on GlobeCom 2007. The Optical Symposium co-chairs are Admela, Achille Pattavina, and Ahmed Kamal. Admela mentioned that they just finished distributing the first call for papers. She asked for feedback from the community on good topics for the CFP or names for the TPC. Vincent Chan made a suggestion to add explicit references in the CFP for topics related to the free-space optics community, so that they would be encouraged to submit to the optical symposium. Chunming Qiao mentioned that the GITC (Globecom ICC Technical Committee) wants to centralize all symposia to coordinate the fields of application of the various symposia. The aim is to avoid overlapping topics and to clearly specify which topics are associated to each of the various symposia. Jason pointed out that GITC wants to define fixed symposia with fixed topics. Biswanath Mukherjee suggested that people be chosen for the TPC quickly.

e. ICC 2008 will be held in Beijing on May 19-23, 2008. The Co-Chairs of the Optical Symposium will be George Ellinas, Mohan Gurusamy, and Mounir Hamdi. The Vice-Chair is Rudra Dutta.

f. Globecom 2008 will be held in New Orleans in December 2008. The Chairs have not been selected. The Symposia will be organized according to the new guidelines of GITC.

4. Other conferences

a. Nasir Ghani says that IEEE Infocom Workshop on High-Speed Networking is being organized. He's looking for volunteers for the TPC.

b. George Rouskas discussed Broadnets 2007. It will be held in North Carolina. There will be three symposia. The submission deadline is at the end of January.

c. Jason Jue mentioned that ONDM 2007 will be in Athens. The Chairs are Fabio Neri and Ioannis Tomkos. The Deadline is December 22.

d. Ashwin Gumaste mentioned an Optical Networking Symposium being planned in India in December 2007.

e. Achille Pattavina reported that HPSR welcomes optical networking papers. The conference will be held in New York. The deadline is December 20.

f. Jun Zheng presented AccessNets07. This conference is looking for IEEE support. It will be held in Ottawa in August.

g. Achille Pattavina and Maurice Gagnaire talked about DRCN. It will be held in Laroche. Maurice asked Achille about the ONDM situation. Achille said that in 2006 ONDM was held in May. It encountered problems in organization due to the delayed start-up, had few submissions, and lost IEEE co-sponsorship. Now Ioannis Tomkos is organizing ONDM in May 2007. Achille suggested that ComSoc co-sponsor the conference, since the co-sponsorship with IFIP is not incompatible, and this would give access to IEEEExplore for accepted papers. There is no sign yet that a technical co-sponsorship has been granted by ComSoc. Chunming Qiao asked why ONDM lost the ComSoc co-sponsorship. Achille mentioned that some IFIP officers did not agree on double co-sponsorship. He suggested that we should ask Ioannis Tomkos to strongly promote the ComSoc sponsorship.

Jason pointed out one note regarding technical co-sponsorship. ComSoc is organizing the various TCs into four clusters in order to better coordinate technical activities. Each cluster will be headed by a single Chair chosen from among the TC Chairs. Requests for technical co-sponsorship should be made to this cluster Chair. The current chair of the networking cluster is the Chair of TCCC.

5. Standards

No comments.

6. Publications.

a. Vincent Chan reported that JSAC-OCN is trying to have its own journal. There are still not enough papers for 4 issues, which is required for a separate journal. At the moment, JSAC-OCN is an experiment for 2 years, and every 2 years the progress would be reviewed. Last year there were two issues. This year there will probably be three issues. There is a call for high quality papers. One of the problems has been the

delays in the review process. The first review comes in around 4 months, and it takes about another 4 months for the second review. The IEEE average is 9 months for IEEE journals, so it is ok, but Vincent suggested that it should be quicker. Free-space optics is a topic of interest also in JSAC. Someone asked to update the website with FSO. Chunming asked about the rules to get a new journal. Vincent said that at least one issue each year has to be a special issue.

b. Chunming Qiao retired from Communications Magazine. There was a discussion about the current editors. Andrej mentioned that there was no real motivation to have a separate supplement for the series of Communications Magazine. The use of a supplement resulted in a loss in impact factor. The supplement had its own title and page numbering, so references to papers in the supplement lead to a reduction in references to Communications Magazine.

5. Best Paper Award for Globecom 2006.

The award has not yet been decided.

6. Website

Jason reported on the state of the Website. Any updates for the mailing list or website should be sent to Byrav Ramamurthy at byrav@cse.unl.edu.

10. Other Business

Admela proposed that we need to dedicate more effort in the reviewing process for all the activities in our communities. Chunming agreed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Massimo Tornatore.