Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
OFC 2009, San Diego, CA
Wednesday, March 25 2009, 6:00 pm – 8: 00 pm
Room 29C, San Diego Convention Center

Attendees: Jason Jue, Suresh Subramaniam, Siamak Aodolmolky, Cicek Cavdar, Wei Wei, Piet Demeester, Leonid Kazovsky, Piero Castoldi, Dominic Schupke, Claus Gruber, Dragos Andrei, Jorge Finochietto, Avishek Nag, Nipatjakorn Kannasool, Yi Zhu, Masud Hasan, Rajesh Roy, Georgios Ellinas, Adelys Marsden, Marilet De Andrade, Lena Wosinska, Paolo Monti, Onur Turkcu, Josue Kuri, Massimo Tornatore, Byoung-Whi Kim, Ken-ichi Sato, Francesco Paolucci, Pier Giorgio Raponi, Harald Rohde, Andrzej Jajszcyk, Rajesh RC, Vinod Vokkarane, Patel Ankitkumar, Galen Sasaki, Ashwin Gumaste, Vincent Chan, Biswanath Mukherjee

Dinner   6:00 pm – 6:20 pm

1. Vincent announced that JOCN officially launched today at noon. Inaugural issue will be on June 1st. The first set of papers will include half from JSAC and half from JON. He said that he expected the number of submissions to double over the sum of JON and OCN. He encouraged authors of top conferences such as Infocom to submit to JOCN, provided that there's 35% more content than the conference paper. Importantly, the online version is continuous and rolling, and papers published as they are accepted. The print version depends on the number of pages approved by IEEE.

2. Biswanath gave an update on OFC '09. Submissions and acceptance rates are similar as previous years. He noted that attendance was a little down from previous years. He mentioned that there were 93 post-deadline paper submissions and 37 were accepted.

3. Introduction of officers and self-introductions.

4. Approval of minutes: Jason made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of Globecom 2008. Approved unanimously.

5. Jason went through a list of conferences and solicited updates

    a. ICC 2009: Dominic (TPC co-chair of ONS) reported that there would be 7 sessions with 5 papers in each, and a poster session with 16 posters. There were 135 total submissions.

b. Globecom 2009: Galen reported that 36 papers have been uploaded so far. Deadline is end of month.

c. ICC 2010: Jason gave some basic information and mentioned that the process of inviting TPC members had begun.

d. Globecom 2010: Will be held in Miami Dec. 5-10. ONTC has proposed George Rouskas as chair.

e. ANTS 2008: Held in Mumbai, India, in Dec. 2008. Suresh gave a brief update, and mentioned that ANTS '09 will be held in Dec. 2009 in New Delhi, India, and encouraged authors to submit papers by the deadline of July 1.

f. ICACT (Intl. Conf. on Advanced Comm. Technologies) 2009: Was held in Phoenix Park, Korea during Feb. 15-18, 2009.

g. ONDM 2009: Dominic, who attended the conference, gave a brief report. All the presentations are online at: http://www.ida.ing.tu-bs.de/noncms/ondm2009/schedule/final_program.php. Ken-ichi mentioned that ONDM '10 will be held in Kyoto in Feb. 2010.

h. HPSR '09 will be held in Paris in June, and is being co-chaired by Maurice Gagnaire and Jabbari.

i. ICCCN '09 will be held in San Francisco in August '09.

j. The First Internation Conference on Future Information Networks will be held in Beijing in October 2009. Chunming Qiao and Biswanath may be on the steering committee.

5. Publications:

   JOCN: Jason gave more details on submissions. There would be two tracks - experimental and theory, with a shorter review cycle for experimental papers. Authors select which track they submit to, but this is also checked by the EiCs. The inaugural June issue will have 8 experimental and 8 theory papers. The July issue will be a special issue on Optical Networks for Future Internet. 20 papers already accepted for JON will be published here.

6. Industry activities: Claus Gruber of Nokia Siemens Networks gave a presentation on the vision and activities of the 100GET project. The project is a large project with funding from several companies including

ADVA, Alcatel-Lucent, NSN, and Ericsson. The total funding is 66 million Euros or about $90 million. The main vision is to move functionality from higher to lower layers. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of 100G Ethernet. The slides of the presentation are posted at the ONTC website.

7. Website: Leonid mentioned that the website could have a simpler web address such as ontc.org, which could point to the current ONTC web address.

8. Other business: Ken-ichi mentioned that APOC (sponsored by SPIE) and AOE (sponsored by OSA) have merged this year. Everyone agreed that it would be useful to have short presentations and discussions of large projects on the agenda.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. The next meeting would be at ICC 2009.

Minutes recorded by Suresh Subramaniam