

Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
ICC 2012, Ottawa, Canada
Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 12:30 pm – 2: 00 pm
Daly's Room, Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Canada

Attendees: Suresh Subramaniam, Juzi Zhao, Maite Brandt-Pearce, Harald Overby, Peter Babarcsi, Dominic Schupke, Liping Sun, Wei Gao, Luying Zhou, Jing Wu, Lena Wosinska, Wojciech Kabacinski, Eiji Oki, Matthias Hesse, Patrick Marvel, Peter Rost, Albrecht Fehske, Quanyan Zhu, Abbas Bradai, Toufik Ahmed, Raouf Boutaba, Marwan Krunz, Naoaki Yamanaka, Abdallah Shami, Weisheng Xie, Guoliang (Larry) Xue, Tarek El-Bawab, Maysan Mirahmadi, Ahmed Kamal, Cicek Cavdar, Biswanath Mukherjee, Massimo Tornatore, Brigitte Jaumard, Wenda Ni, Zuqing Zhu

1. Meeting started at 12:30 pm with lunch.
2. Self-introductions. Suresh presented the meeting agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of meeting at OFC 2012. Motion made by Tarek El-Bawab and seconded by Larry Xue. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Announcements: Suresh introduced the ONTC officers and announced that George Rouskas was the newly elected Secretary (at Globecom 2011).
5. Conference updates
 - a. ICC 2012: Vinod Vokkarane, Pin-Han Ho, Lena Wosinska, and Martin Maier are TPC Co-Chairs. Lena gave an update. There were 6 sessions, with a total of 96 papers submitted and 35 accepted (36.4%, 30 oral + 5 poster). The average number of reviews per paper was 3.75. The best paper award went to Luying Zhou et al.. A discussion began about why there were so few submissions.
 - b. Globecom '12: The ONS Symposium is chaired by Tarek El-Bawab, Brigitte Jaumard, and Jun Zheng. Tarek gave an update. 70 papers were submitted, and approximately 36% will be accepted. All the reviews have been finalized, and the acceptance letters should go out by July 1. Some papers will be designated for oral presentation, while others will be posters.
 - c. Future IEEE conferences: OFC '13 is in preparation phase at the moment. There will be 2 tracks relevant to ONTC, plus the normal tracks. Other conferences include: ICC '13 Budapest, GC '13 Atlanta, ICC '14 Sydney, GC '14 Austin. The number of co-chairs for ONS is being reduced to 2 starting with Globecom 2013, due to small paper submission numbers. Further discussion followed of declining submissions, which has been steep over the last 6 conferences.

- d. Other conferences: A list of ONTC-sponsored conferences was presented: ICACT 2012, WTC 2012, NOC 2012, LATINCOM, and HONET 2012. Of particular interest are newly sponsored conferences: Latincom 2012 in Ecuador and HONET 2012 in Turkey. Biswanath also brought up ANTS, in Bangalore in December, which is sponsored by ComSoc but not ONTC. HPSR, in Belgrade in 2012 and in Taipei in 2013, may also be of interest (sponsored by ComSoc but not ONTC).
6. Publications:
 - a. IEEE/OSA JOCN has a new co-Editor in Chief, Dr. Ori Gerstel. The journal will continue to have a special issue after every OFC. There is also a new Code of Ethics for Editors of ComSoc journals. There were comments about the lack of publication venue options in the field of optical networks. The JOCN is not sufficiently advertised, and many who were not here during its inception do not know about it. One way to advertise and increase submissions is by introducing and promoting special issues. The number of submissions to JOCN is increasing, which is promising.
 - b. Elsevier's OSN was noted as also being a good venue for publishing optical networking research.
 7. Mailing list and website: ONTC has more than 500 members now. The website located at <http://committees.comsoc.org/ontc/> has been updated. ONTC has a strict policy on conference and workshop sponsorship. Check website for details.
 8. Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Minutes recorded by Maite Brandt-Pearce and edited by Suresh Subramaniam