

Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
OFC 2012, Los Angeles, California
Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 12:00 pm – 1: 00 pm
Room 518, LA Convention Center

Attendees: George Rouskas, Ferhat Dikbiyik, Avishek Nag, Farid Farahmand, Ankitkumar Patel, Jafaar Elmirghani, Achille Pattavina, Jason Jue, Chunming Qiao, Ken-ichi Kitayama, Kimio Oguchi, Massimo Tornatore, Achim Autenrieth, Dominic Schupke, Biswanath Mukherjee, Pablo Pavon, Koji Kamakura, Cicek Cavdar, Galen Sasaki, Shuping Peng, Lena Wosinska, Wolfgang Kiess, Walter Cerroni, Hakki Cankaya, Gangxiang Shen, Lei Liu, Xiaojun Cao, Qingya She, Andrea Fumagalli, Piero Castoldi, Qiong Zhang, Georgios Zervas.

1. Meeting started at 12:00 pm with lunch.
2. Self-introductions. George presented the meeting agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of meeting at Globecom 2011. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. George introduced the ONTC and its officers.
5. Conference updates
 - a. OFC 2012 and 2013: Jason gave an update on the TPC review process. 133 papers were submitted to the Core networks, 40 oral papers and 15 posters were accepted. 3 post-deadline papers were submitted, 1 was accepted. For OFC 2012 and for future OFCs, submissions and reviews will be double-blind. A discussion on the pros and cons of the double-blind process followed. Chunming asked for details on how the the double-blind review process worked for OFC 2012, raised conflict-of-interest issues, and suggested that the conference include guidelines on how authors should write the papers to avoid identifying themselves. Jason mentioned that reviewers did not look at the references. He mentioned that the process does not work perfectly yet and that improvements are needed; it appears that there were no doble-blind reviewing mechanisms for OFC 2012. Dominic, one of the general chairs of OFC 2013, agreed to bring this issue to the attention of the technical program chairs of OFC 2013.
 - b. ICC 2012: Will be held in Ottawa, Canada. Vinod Vokkarane, Pin-Han Ho, Lena Wosinska, and Martin Maier are TPC Co-Chairs. Lena gave an update on the review process: 35 papers (30 oral + 5 poster) were accepted out of 96 submissions, and the average number of reviews per paper was 3.73.
 - c. Future IEEE conferences: Globecom '12 Anaheim, ICC '13 Budapest, GC '13 Atlanta, GC '14 Austin. George mentioned that submissions to GC '12 are due this month.

- d. Other conferences: ONTC-endorsed IEEE ComSoc technically co-sponsored conference list on ONTC website: NOC '12, OECC '12, ICACT '12, WTC '12, HONET '12.
 - e. George briefly discussed the TC endorsement and co-sponsorship process (available on the ONTC website) and encouraged members to contact the ONTC officers for endorsing a conference they are planning. Solicited members to talk about other conferences.
 - f. Ken-ichi gave an update on CLEO-PR, OECC/PS '13. The three conferences will be co-located in Kyoto, Japan, in 2013, and 1400 attendees are expected. Ken-ichi will seek ONTC endorsement.
 - g. Lena gave an update on APC 2012. The conference will take place on November 7-10, 2012, in Guanzhou, China, and submissions are due in June 2012. Lena indicated she may seek ONTC endorsement of the event.
7. Industry activities: at the invitation of Dominc. ONTC industry liason, Dr. Achim Autenrieth (ADVA Optical) gave a presentation on OPHELIA, a European project aimed at extending OpenFlow to support Optical Networking equipment. Andrea asked about the availability of the source code, and Achim explained that it is open source.
8. Publications:
- a. JSAC: Chunming announced a JSAC SI on FiWi to be published in 2013; the submission deadline is in June 2012.
 - b. IEEE/OSA JOCN: George mentioned that Vincent Chan stepped down from his co-EiC role to become VP-Publications for ComSoc. Ori Gerstel has replaced Vincent as co-EiC along Keren Bergman.
 - c. Elsevier OSN: George mentioned that Admela Jukan is the new co-EiC of the journal since January 2012.
9. Mailing list and website: ONTC mailing list is hosted at cse.unl.edu (not moderated). There is a limit on the size of attachments. One has to be a member to post on the list. There are more than members currently.

The ONTC website is at: <http://committees.comsoc.org/ontc/>

10. Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned.