
Title: Minutes of CISTC Meeting Held at GC '08 (Version 1.00)
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Place: Room - Price of Wales, Hotel - Hilton New Orleans Riverside, LA, USA
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1 Welcome / Introduction

Peter Muller chaired the meeting. Even it's an early-morning meeting (7:00am-8:00am), we still witnessed a large attendance. Peter said that since this meeting has no election, the meeting's short.

The following 27 committee members attended the meeting:

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After Peter's welcome speech, a volunteer's called to count votes for approval of both the agenda and meeting Minutes ICC'08 (Beijing)

2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

3 Approval of Meeting Minutes (at ICC'08 in Beijing)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

4 Report on Conference Activities

Peter made reports on conferences (or workshops) sponsored by CISTC, including ICC, Globecom, Milcom, CCNC, WiMOB, etc. Especially, for those major conferences, such as ICC, Globecom, the name for security symposium started being standardized, for

example, "Communication and Information Systems Security Symposium". There are large paper submission in security symposium at both ICC and Globecom.

Also, Peter introduced already assigned Symposium co-chair for security symposium at ICC'09 in Dresden, GlobeCom'09 in Hawaii, ICC'10 in Capetown, GlobeCom'10 in Miami, ICC'11 in Kyoto. These CISTC assignments are the base for the conference program chairs to select symposium co-chairs. However, they are not obligated to follow our recommendations.

During the conference reporting period, a future security symposium co-chair asked whether CISTC could provide any information & statistics on paper submission trend in security symposium at ICC and/or Globecom. In this case, it can help improve future security symposium.

5 Education

Since 2005, members of CISTC have proposed and given short courses at ICC, GC, NFOEC, Milcom and other IEEE and non-IEEE supported conferences. Stamatios Kartalopoulos held security tutorials at NTMS'08 and MILCOM'08. Members of CISTC have been invited to give plenary talks and short courses to IEEE sponsored and non-sponsored conferences.

Future IEEE and non-IEEE conferences highly depend on our contribution.

6 CISTC on the Web

The CISTC has an active webpage at <http://www.comsoc.org/cistc>, maintained by Camille Gaspard and Shengli Fu. The webpage is consisting of an introduction, contact information, and the tool to join our email lists (cistc@comsoc.org). The email list is used by the members frequently and in a very disciplined manner.

As a new feature, members can publish CFPs for conferences, SIs, and other IEEE related events on the TCs webpage (send CFP information to webmaster.cis@comsoc.org).

Certain new sections are proposed and therefore under construction. Thanks to Jiankun Hu.

7 TC Membership

CISTC has been very successful, and grows very fast. In the period of November 2007 to April 2008, the TC membership increased from 350 to 739. In the last 6 month, the growth was another 500 members. However, CISTC also faces many challenges. One of the major issues is how to get more sponsorship.

8 Special Issues of Journals

The CISTC has already co-sponsored several special issues in the Communications Magazine.

A book titled “Next Generation Intelligent Optical Networks” has been authored by S. Kartalopoulos (Springer, 2008). Chapter 10 is dedicated to Communications Security. Several proposals for special issues in JSAC, SCN (security and communications networks), and other journals are under way.

9 IEEE Transactions on Security

Regarding publications, currently, there are activities underway to propose a new IEEE Transactions in Security.

10 Standards

There is a lack of activities in security standards due to many issues and challenges related to politics.

11 Testbeds

There's not much news on Testbeds.

12 New Business

Peter mentioned New Businesses, which has been brought up in ICC'08 in Beijing, but he doesn't receive much update. He welcomes any new ideas. There are some suggestions on setting up some informal discussion groups to introduce new ideas.

13 Miscellaneous

When Peter introduced CISTC structure, there are concerns in using the term “Board Members” for CISTC Web administrators. The term may be not correct and therefore not applied. However, the idea is to mention volunteers at our website. Such volunteers may coordinate efforts like our web page, a standard proposal, the IEEE Transactions application, or a specific interest group (security testbeds, security in quantum optics, secure data handling...)

Members interested shall get in contact with Stamatios, Hsiao-Hwa, or Peter.

14 Next F2F Meeting

The next IEEE ComSoc's Communication & Information Security TC (CISTC) meeting will be held at ICC'09 in Dresden, Germany, June 14. – 18. 2009.

The meeting ended right at 8:00 in the morning.

Peter Mueller, December 11, 2008.