

**IEEE ComSoc Technical Committee on Power Line Communications meeting held at  
IEEE ISPLC 2012  
The Lakeview Hotel  
Mar. 28, Wed 19:30-22:30**

**Attendees:** Lutz Lampe, Haris Gacanin, Masaaki Katayama, José A. Cortés, Liu Werlin, Gerd Bumiller, Bernd Hirschler, Stanislav Mudriievskyi, Fabio Versolatto, Marco Raugi, Pascal Pagani, Jae-Jo Lee, Jin Young Kim, Bingzhen Zhao, Shugang Yin, Liu Jianming, Haniph Latchman, Moisés Vidal Ribeiro, Francisco J. Cañete, Hendrik Ferreira, Abraham Snyders, Han Vinck, Nico Welling, Ralf Lehnert, Jin Zhang, Andrew Goedhart, Mauro Biagi, Stefano Galli, Li Zhang, Jian Song, Steffen Trautmann.

**Attendees via conference call:** Andrea Tonello, C. Scott Willy, Salvatore D'Alessandro, Lars T. Berger

**Agenda for the meeting**

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes - Available on-line, see <http://committees.comsoc.org/plc> (click on the "Meetings" tab)
3. Conferences activities
  - a. Report on ISPLC 2012 (Organizers)
  - b. Status of ICC 2012 (Han Vinck)
  - c. Status of 2012 Vertical Workshop on PLC (Mauro Biagi)
  - d. Status of IEEE SmartGridComm 2012 (Lutz Lampe)
  - e. Status of Globecom 2012 (Moisés Ribeiro)
  - f. Status of ISPLC 2013 (Hendrik Ferreira)
4. Report on regulations and standardization activities (Nico Welling, Jim Leclare, Stefano Galli)
5. TC-PLC matters
  - a. Report of N&EC, ratification of officers' elections (Francisco Cañete)
  - b. Report of Awards and Nominations (Andrea Tonello)
  - c. ISPLC steering committee update (Lutz Lampe)
  - d. PLC documents database (Francisco Cañete)
6. Other Issues brought up by members

## Minutes

### 1. *Welcome and introduction*

L. Lampe opens the meeting at 19:30, F.J. Cañete volunteers to take minutes. A role call is done for the people attending the meeting.

### 2. *Approval of previous meeting minutes*

approved

### 3. *Conferences activities*

#### a. Report on ISPLC 2012

J. Song presents a summary about the conference: 7 keynotes; 12 panel speakers; 4 patrons; a small surplus is expected (change of exchange rate has prevented a notable surplus); 106 registered attendees. The ensuing discussion addresses

- Sharing of experience with next year organizers.
- Synchronization of the timing of parallel sessions (sufficiently long breaks are needed)

M. Katayama presents a detailed overview about the work of the Technical Program Committee.

The ensuing discussion addresses

- the low paper acceptance ratio
- extension of submission deadline
- inclusion of papers not published in IEEEExplore.

#### b. Status of ICC 2012

H. Vinck and L. Lampe reported about PLC and Smart Grid tracks at 2012 ICC. PLC had 12 submissions, of which 5 were accepted; Smart Grid track received 32 submissions, of which 10 were accepted.

#### c. Status of 2012 Vertical Workshop on PLC

M. Biagi presented an update on the organization.

L. Lampe reminded about the purpose of the workshop, to have in-depth discussion, and that the short abstracts are not considered publications but working documents.

M. Biagi asked for ideas for plenary speakers.

#### d. Status of IEEE SmartGridComm 2012

L. Lampe informed about upcoming 2012 IEEE Smart Grid Comm, in which TC-PLC members are closely involved.

#### e. Status of Globecom 2012

M. Ribeiro presented an update on the PLC/Smart Grid track at 2012 Globecom. The (in this minutes corrected numbers) are: 25 submissions, 9 focussing on PLC, 6 on signal processing and power systems and 10 specifically on smart grid.

Concern was raised about the relatively low number of submissions for PLC. It was suggested to concentrate on two conferences per year, which means to select one of ICC and Globecom. In addition, attendees suggested to consider the move the second annual TC-PLC meeting to SmartGridComm or the PLC Workshop, or to only have one TC-PLC meeting per year. It was agreed that this should be discussed further, guided by the TC-PLC leadership.

#### f. Status of ISPLC 2013

H. Ferreira presented an update about the organization of 2013 ISPLC. The prices for the hotel are approximately 120€room of hotel holiday inn 4\*, connected by train with airport and a shuttle to the university venue will be provided (taxi about 24€). There was some discussion about finding a way to have the conference at the same hotel. Conference fees will be about \$550. Sponsorship is

some concern for the event in South Africa. Close collaboration with previous conference chairs and TC-PLC members to attract international sponsors is recommended.

1. *Report on regulations and standardization activities*

Reference to S. Galli's keynote about ITU-T standardization activities is made. N. Weling updated on a Cenelec standard draft for indoor PLC for frequencies up to 30MHz (Europe). A. Goedhart commented about PLC regulation in South Africa.

2. *TC-PLC matters*

a. Report of N&EC,

Ratification of election of TC-PLC officers. F. Cañete reported the election results. The elected officers are: L. Lampe as chair, A. Tonello as vice-chair and V. Guillet as secretary. Their term is for two years.

b. Report of Awards and Nominations

H. Latchman updated on Awards and Nominations on behalf of A. Tonello (ANC Chair). The following awards have been recently assigned. Stefano Galli obtained the *IEEE Communications Society Donald W. McLellan Meritorious Service Award* and named *IEEE Fellow* (awarded at Globecom 2012). Lutz Lampe is *IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lecturer for 2012-2013*. At the conference banquet, the *2012 TC-PLC Outstanding Service Award* will be announced.

ISPLC steering committee update

L. Lampe reminded of the composition of this committee (representatives of last 3 ISPLC organizers and 2 elected members for 2 years). R. Lehnert's term terminated and J. Song from the 2012 organizing team was welcomed as new member of the steering committee.

d. PLC documents database

F. Cañete mentioned that two updates per year are made. H. Latchman asked that TC-PLC takes over the maintenance of the server services.

1. *Adjourn (at 21:30)*

F. Canete, L. Lampe