

# IEEE ComSoc Technical Committee on Power Line Communications

## Committee meeting held at 2013 IEE ISPLC

Johannesburg, 25 March 2013

### Attendees (28 present):

The attendee list is presented in the Appendix A.

### Agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Approval of meeting minutes from ISPLC 2012 and Globecom 2012 - Available on-line, see <http://committees.comsoc.org/plc> (click on the "Meetings" tab)
3. Conferences activities
  - a. Report on ISPLC 2013 (Theo Swart/Reolyn Heymann)
  - b. Status of ISPLC 2014 (Stephan Weiss)
  - c. Status of ICC 2013 (Andrea Tonello)
  - d. Status of 2013 Vertical Workshop on PLC (Javad Khangosstar)
  - e. Status of IEEE SmartGridComm 2013 (Lutz Lampe)
  - f. Status of Globecom 2013 (Haniph Latchman)
  - g. Involvement in ICC 2015
4. Report on regulations and standardization activities (TBD)
5. TC-PLC matters
  - a. Report of Awards and Nominations (Andrea Tonello)
  - b. ISPLC steering committee election/update (Lutz Lampe)
  - c. TC-PLC Awards and Nominations Committee: members election (Lutz Lampe)
  - d. PLC documents database (Francisco Cañete)
6. Other Issues brought up by members
7. Adjourn

## **Minutes:**

1. Lutz Lampe (Chair) opens the meeting at 18.20. A role call is done for the people attending the meeting.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from ISPLC 2012 and Globecom 2012.

### **3. Conference activities**

#### Report on 2013 IEEE ISPLC

\* Theo Swart presents TPC report for ISPLC 2013.

80 papers submitted, 64 papers accepted. 4 recent results papers.

Feedback for future organizers:

- Out-of-scope papers should be handled faster. Number of out-of-scope papers = 4.

- Works well if TPC can claim papers from EDAS.

Concern expressed about the high acceptance rate. Suggested to look at history of acceptance rates as well as how the evaluation scheme is adjusted from year to year. One explanation can be that other conferences with PLC tracks cause less people to submit to ISPLC. Travel costs to SA might have been a problem. It has been suggested that the overall quality of papers was higher since only serious authors submitted – due to high travel costs. The deadline date (just after ICC) may also be a problem.

\* Reolyn Heymann presents short overview of ISPLC 2013 finances.

A 10% profit is expected.

Discussion about use of conference profits.

Motion by Han Vinck: An amount equal to the profit of ISPLC 2013 should be donated by ComSoc to the local S.A. ComSoc chapter. This was seconded by Ralf Lehnert. The motion was discussed by attendees: This motion will only be for ISPLC 2013 and won't be every year. Can be considered if conference is in a developing country. Concerns raised about whether this will then still be a good investment for ComSoc, since it is currently fully sponsored by ComSoc. The motion is carried unanimously.

#### Report on 2014 IEEE ISPLC

Stephan Weiss (General Chair) presented the status of 2014 ISPLC in Glasgow, UK. Planned dates are April 6-9, 2013.

Discussion about patronage and industry demonstrations, reclaim of VAT, proposed budget and expected number of attendees.

Suggestions to move date one week earlier. Organizers will find out if venue will be available. (Weather, venue and daylight should be considered when moving dates.)

#### Status of ICC 2013

Andrea Tonello (TPC Co-Chair) reports that 13 PLC and 38 Smart Grid manuscripts have been submitted.

Discussion about only having a single track for smart grid and PLC in future ICC. Discussion whether ICC is causing decreasing numbers at ISPLC. Cost of attending ISPLC vs ICC also a factor.

#### Status of 2013 Vertical Workshop on PLC

Javad Khangosstar reports on progress in the organization of the 2013 Vertical Workshop on PLC at the University of Leeds, 19-20 September 2013.

Ads for workshop were placed in ISPLC 2013 attendee bags. Topics same as for ISPLC.

Gerd Bumiller suggests to consider that the 2015 workshop will be held in Bottrop, Germany. Lutz Lampe reports about interest by Fabienne Nouvel to host the event as well.

#### Report on Smart Grid Comm 2013

Lutz Lampe (General Co-Chair) reports on the 2013 IEEE International Conference on Smart Grid Communications to be held October 21 – 24, in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Submission deadline May 5, 2013. CfP distributed.

#### Report on Globecom 2013

Extended submission deadline March 29.

#### Involvement in ICC 2015

Discussion about joint track of PLC and Smart Grid at ICC, and whether PLC track at ICC dilutes author base for ISPLC. Decision to formally support a smart grid track at ICC, and not extra PLC track.

### **4. Report on regulations and standardization activities**

Anil Mengi presented an overview of standardization and regulation activities at CENELEC, IEEE, ITU, and ISO/IEC, based on devolo's participation. The presentation is very well received, and similar presentations for future meetings are suggested.

### **5. TC-PLC matters**

#### Report of Awards and Nominations

Andrea Tonello (Chair, ANC) reports that two awards will be presented (Outstanding service award and interdisciplinary research award). Andrea reminded everyone to apply for senior membership, if they qualify. The nomination for a ComSoc Distinguished Lecturer from the TC-PLC was not successful.

#### ISPLC steering committee election/update

Lutz Lampe explains the terms of the ISPLC Steering Committee members. Terms of three members expired. Theo Swart (statutory member for ISPLC 2013), Hendrik Ferreira, Weilin Liu and Anil Mengi are elected as members of the ISPLC Steering Committee.

TC-PLC Awards and Nominations Committee: members election

Lutz Lampe explains that the term of the current ANC members has expired and a new ANC needs to be elected. The following colleagues are elected: Stefano Galli (not present), Ralf Lehnert, Masaaki Katayama, and Han Vinck (as Chair). A fifth member will be added.

PLC documents database

Francisco Canete (Webmaster of PLC DocSearch) reports about updates done to PLC DocSearch, which now includes the proceedings of 2012 ISPLC and the 2012 VW on PLC.

## **6. Other issues brought up by members**

None

## **7. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 20:50.

## Appendix A – Attendees

Alfredo Sanz Molina
Yuhao Sun
Mauro Tucci
Khaimes Quahada
Andrea Tonello
Weilin Liu
Abe Snyders
Ling Cheng
Roy Hubbard
Haris Gacanin
Javad Khangosstar
Lutz Lampe
Ralf Lehnert
Theo Swart
Reolyn Heymann
Hendrik Ferreira
Masaaki Katayama
Han Vinck
Anil Mengi
Stanislav Mudriievskyi
Ievgeni Tsokalo
Francisco Canete
Gerd Bumiller

Familua Ayokunle
Stephan Weiss
Mauro Biagi (phone)
Bruce Worthman (phone)
Bridget Erlikh (phone)

Final. Reolyn Heymann and Lutz Lampe.