

**IEEE ComSoc Technical Committee on Power Line Communications Committee
meeting held at 2013 IEEE Globecom Atlanta, GA, USA, 10 December 2013**

Attendees:

Lutz Lampe	University of British Columbia, Canada
Mauro Biagi	University of Rome, Sapienza, Italy
Ankit Dubey	Indian Institute of Technology New Delhi, India
Anuj Batra	Texas Instruments, USA
Patrick Melet	Landis+Gyr
Stefano Galli	Assia Inc., USA
Houbing Song	West Virginia University, USA
Souissi Souha	SUPCOM, Tunisia
M.Sarper Gokturk	Air Ties Wireless Networks
Keith Lindsay	LANL
Bridget Erlikh	COMSOC / ISPLC meeting manager
Gayle Weisman	COMSOC
On the phone:	
Andrea Tonello	University of Udine, Italy
Ralf Lehnert	Dresden University of Technology, Germany
Stanislav Mudriievskiy	Dresden University of Technology, Germany
Stephan Weiss	Strathclyde University, Scotland
Salvatore D'Alessandro	University of Udine, Italy
Anil Mengi	Devollo GmbH, Germany
Fabio Versolatto	University of Udine, Italy
Haniph Latchman	University of Florida, USA
Weilin Liu	State Grid, China
Brian Evans	University of Texas, Austin, USA
Danilo Zanatta	Aizo, Switzerland
Gerd Bumiller	University of Applied Sciences Ruhr West, Germany
Riccardo Raheli	University of Parma, Italy
Vincent Guillet	Landis & Gyr, France

Agenda for the meeting:

- Approval of the previous meeting minutes
- Conferences activities
 - a. Presentation of proposal for WSPLC 2014 (Gerd Bumiller)
 - b. Presentation of proposal for ISPLC 2015 (Brian Evans)
 - c. Status of ISPLC 2014 (Stephan Weiss)
 - d. Report on ICC 2013 (Andrea Tonello)
 - e. Report on Globecom 2013 (Haniph Latchman)
 - f. Report on IEEE SmartGridComm 2013 (Lutz Lampe)
 - g. Status of ICC 2014 (Vincent Guillet)
 - h. Status of Globecom 2014 (Riccardo Raheli)
 - i. Status of SmartGridComm 2014 (Andrea Tonello)

- Publication activities
 - a. PLC DocSearch update (Francisco Canete)
- Standardization activities
 - a. Update on PLC standardizations (Anil Mengi)
- TC-PLC matters
 - a. Report of Awards and Nominations (Han Vinck)
 - b. TC-PLC elections, Formation of Nominations and Elections Committee (Lutz Lampe)
 - c. IEEE ComSoc policies on Conflict of Interest (Lutz Lampe)

Welcome and Opening

Lutz Lampe opens the meeting at 10:05

- a) Minutes of the previous meeting have been approved

Conferences activity

- a) Gert Bumiller presents the proposal of hosting WSPLC 2014 in Bottrop, Germany. The workshop is expected to be 1.5 days. Possible topics of interest are
 - 1) Future of PLC in CENELEC-Bands
 - 2) PLC in Frequency range 150 – 500 kHz
 - 3) Broadband PLC for Access
 - 4) New PLC-concepts for Smart Grids
 - 5) PLC for E-Mobility
 - 6) Hot topics in PLC

WSPLC 2014 is planned for September 2014, possibly in the third week of September.

- b) Brian Evans presents the proposal for hosting ISPLC 2015 in Austin. Proposed dates are 29 March – 1 April, with a backup date 22-25 March. There are still open positions in the organizing committee. The proposal will be voted on by the TC-PLC Active Members through email within 2 weeks.
- c) Stephan Weiss presents the current state of ISPLC 2014 organization (submission still open). Number of submissions is 85. Discussion about the relatively low number of submission. Possible dilution because of papers at ICC and Globecom, possible lack of European projects on PLC.
- d) Andrea Tonello presents the results for the PLC track and Smart Grid track at ICC 2013. PLC track: 13 papers submitted and 5 accepted. Smart Grid track: 38 papers submitted and 16 accepted.
- e) Haniph Latchman presents the results for PLC track at Globecom 2013. 20 papers submitted, 6 papers accepted. 5 are included in the PLC session, while one is included in the Topics in Power Line Communications.
- f) Lutz Lampe presents a summary of SmartGridComm 2013. 334 submissions, 135 accepted papers, 282 attendees.

- g) Lutz Lampe presents the status of smart-grid track at ICC 2014 (provided by Vincent Guillet). There were 45 submissions and likely 24 accepted papers (4 with major revisions).
- h) Riccardo Raheli presents an update about PLC track at Globecom 2014.
- i) Andrea Tonello presents the organization status of SmartGridComm 2014, to be held in Venice, Italy. The dates are November 3 – 6, 2014. Deadline for submission is April 20th 2014.

Publications activities

- a) PLC DocSearch is continuously updated thanks to Francisco Canete.
- b) Han Vinck is in charge of revising the Best Readings on PLC.

Standardization Activities

a) Anil Mengi present an update on PLC standardization activities, including ITU-T G.9901, G.9902, G.9903, G.9904 and IEEE 1901, HomePlug AV2 and GreenPHY. He mentions also ongoing activities within CENELEC regarding EMC regulations for broadband PLC.

TC-PLC Matters

- a) Lutz Lampe reports that the Distinguished Lecturer nomination from TC-PLC was not successful. Nominations for TC-PLC awards are encouraged.
- b) Lutz Lampe informs the committee about upcoming elections for the officers of the TC-PLC. The Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) has been formed. According to the P&Ps, Lutz Lampe is its Chair, and Francisco Canete, Ralf Lehnert and Masaaki Katayama volunteered as members.
- c) Lutz Lampe presents the COMSOC rules about conflict of interest.
[posted at
http://cms.comsoc.org/eprise/main/SiteGen/Confs_P_P/Content/Home/Conflict_of_Interest.html]
In particular he underlines the rule 1 *“A General Chair or a conference/workshop TPC chair/co-chair cannot submit a paper to his/her conference/workshop as an author or co-author.”*
In the discussion, the current policies are considered as inappropriate, also points 3 and 4 of the policies are criticized. The concerns about the current policies are formally established through a vote and the TC-PLC requests that the TC-PLC leadership expresses these concerns to the ComSoc Conferences Board.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Mauro Biagi and Lutz Lampe