

List of attendees:

1. Bamidele Adebisi
2. Inigo Berganza
3. Francisco Canete
4. Cedric Chauvenet
5. Jose Antonio Cortes
6. George Hallak
7. Peter Jensen
8. Masaaki Katayama
9. Lutz Lampe
10. Cedric Lavenu
11. Ralf Lehnert
12. Bill Lichtensteiger
13. Stanislav Mudriievskyi
14. Babak Nikfar
15. Antti Pinomaa
16. Khaled Rabie
17. Alfredo Sanz
18. Andrea Tonello
19. Ievgenii Tsokalo
20. Han Vinck

On the phone: 21. Gerd Bumiller

Agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
3. Conferences activities:

- (a) Report on ISPLC 2017 (Inigo Berganza)
- (b) Status of WSPLC 2017 (Andrea Tonello)
- (c) Status of ISPLC 2018 (Bamidele Adebisi)
- (d) Status of ICC 2017 and 2018 (Andrea Tonello)
- (e) Status of Globecom 2017 and 2018 (Andrea Tonello, Gerd Bumiller)
- (f) Status of SmartGridComm 2017 (Ralf Lehnert)
- (g) Status of ISPLC 2019 (Andrea Tonello)

4. Publication activities:

- (a) PLC DocSearch update (Francisco Canete)

5. Standardization and regulation activities:

- (a) Update on PLC standardization (Andrea Tonello)

6. TC-PLC matters:

- (a) Update of TC-PLC representatives in committees (Andrea Tonello)
- (b) Status of the evolution of the TC-PLC (Andrea Tonello)
- (c) Establishing a best PhD thesis in PLC award (Han Vinck)
- (d) ANC report and member update (Ralf Lehnert)
- (e) Update of ISPLC steering committee members (Andrea Tonello)

7. Any other business

Meeting minutes:

1. [Welcome and introduction](#)

Andrea Tonello opens the meeting at 18:30.

2. [Approval of the previous meeting minutes](#)

Minutes of the previous meeting has been prepared but not yet uploaded due to a technical problem. The approval is postponed to the next meeting.

3. [Conferences activities](#)

- (a) Report on ISPLC 2017: Berganza reports on ISPLC 2017. The conference consisted of a panel of experts, 4 keynotes, and 7 sessions. 69 submitted papers, 5 withdrawn, 33 accepted and 31 rejected (51.6%). 105 registrations with 7 registrations from organizing committee. The fees were taken from the last year's ISPLC with greater difference between early bird registration and late registration to motivate early registration. The revenue is 54k from patrons and 49k from registrations with a minimum of 20% surplus.

- (b) Status of WSPLC 2017: Tonello reports on WSPLC 2017. The workshop is hosted by the Czech technical university of Prague on 21 and 22 September. The website will be soon online. Costs for a minimum of 60 people is estimated at a maximum registration fee of 198 dollars.
- (c) Status of ISPLC 2018: Adebisi reports on the ISPLC 2018 which is hosted in Manchester, UK. The proposed dates are 8-11 April 2018.
- (d) Status of ICC 2017 and 2018: Tonello reports that Deepa Kundur is the representative of ICC 2017 and David Malone was nominated to be the representative of ICC 2018.
- (e) Status of Globecom 2017 and 2018: Tonello reports that Giorgio Vitetta is nominated to be the representative in Globecom 2018. Bumiller reports that the deadline for Globecom 2017 is extended for two weeks, until now only 3 papers have been submitted.
- (f) Status of SmartGridComm 2017: Lehnert reports that the date has been changed by one week and is now 23-26 October in Dresden, Germany. Deadline is 14 April. Symposia structure is established, up to 4 parallel tracks. Workshop proposals are under discussion. Contract with conference hotel is still under negotiation. Exhibition site is not yet decided. Lampe makes a motion for having the next TC-PLC meeting in Dresden during the SmartGridComm 2017, the motion is accepted unanimously.
- (g) Status of ISPLC 2019: Tonello states that it is desired to have a continent rotation and he will look for call for proposals preferably out of Europe. Another option is merging the ISPLC with SmartGridComm. Lampe suggests instead of having one symposium, we just co-locate ISPLC with SmartGridComm.

4. Publication activities

- (a) PLC DocSearch update: Canete reports about the PLC DocSearch. 400 new papers have been added to the website during the last year. Currently there are 3653 documents online.

5. Standardization and regulation activities

- (a) Update on PLC standardization: Tonello reports that according to Anil Mengi there is no update on the standardization. Berganza adds that IEEE 1901.1 first meeting was held in Taiwan.

6. TC-PLC matters

- (a) Update of TC-PLC representatives in committees: Tonello reports that every 4 years a questionnaire must be filled, and the last one was filled November 2016, and therefore the committee is re-certified.
- (b) Status of the evolution of the TC-PLC: Tonello reports on merging the SmartGrid-Com ETSC to form a new committee, in order to increase participation. Tonello proposes the idea of having a Smart Communication Committee with PLC as a sub-category. Tonello receives the endorsement by the TC-PLC to prepare a proposal for merging. He will make a proposal and will send it to the voting members.
- (c) Establishing a best PhD thesis in PLC award: Vinck states that it can attract more attention among young researchers. Permission should be asked from ComSoc. Tonello suggests to keep the surplus of the conference for such awards or involve the

industry. Vinck offers to contact ComSoc to discuss the matter. Katayama suggests an award for the number of published papers. Proposals can be sent to Tonello by email.

- (d) ANC report: Lehnert reports that the number of nominations were not as high as before but the awards have been chosen. Lehnert remains the chair for two more years. Lampe remains a member. Three new members are chosen: Canete, Vinck, and Bumiller.
- (e) Update of ISPLC steering committee members: Bumiller stays a member until 2018. New members include Berganza (2017-2019), Lampe (2017-2019), and Katayama (2017-2019).
- (f) Update of TC-PLC representatives in committees: suggestions will be made in the later meetings.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 21:05.

Minutes prepared by Babak Nikfar.