IEEE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY
Radio Communications Committee (RCC)
Minutes from Meeting on November 20, 2002,
GLOBECOM'02, Taipei, Taiwan

1. The Radio Communications Committee (RCC) meeting was opened at 12:30 by the RCC Chair, Marco Chiani.

2. The minutes of the RCC meeting at ICC 2002 were reviewed and approved.

3. The RCC Chair communicated some news to the Committee. The RCC officers have prepared a document for TAC, for the
recertification of the committee.

4. The Technical Affairs Council (TAC) Report was presented by Marco.
The following points were made:
- The TAC is working on the definition of email models
- The experiment of TAC meeting at INFOCOM 2002 was unsuccessful: this is due to the fact that the conference is focused on some topics in communications, but not covers all topics.
- The recertification of committees is continuing, expected finalization by the end of this year.
- A new committee is started: the Emerging Technologies Committee, chaired by Nim Cheung.
It will serve as incubator for areas where ComSoc has not critical mass (e.g. nanotechnologies, security,...).
It will propose bimonthly columns on emerging technologies on the journal IEEE Communication Magazine.
- there will be a new series of JSAC on Optical Commu. and Networks. The inaugural issue will appear 2H 2003, the EiC is Vincent Chien (MIT).
- TAC is asking the committees to propose new JSAC special issues.
- TAC formed a subcomm. for Meeting and Conferences (director: Chih-Li I)
- There has been a long discussion on the conferences organization: the architecture General Conference + Symposia with a non-negligible space for the General Conf. seems the preferred.
The TPC composition and the role of the Committees have also been discussed. The proposal is that the TC must be involved, with at least a representative indicated by the TC in the TPC of pertinence.
The Symposia Chair and Vice Chair will be proposed by the TC and approved by the TPC Chair.

5. Liaison Activity Reports
VTC - (report by Witold)
- There was no report on MTT
- MILCOM - No official liaison was present.

6. Conference Reports:
- ICC 2003 - report by Mehmet.
About 1800 papers were received, about 700 accepted, with an acceptance rate of about 38%.
There will be 8 symposia and a general conference, with a keynote speech by Prof. Kleinrock.

- Globecom 2003 - report by Marco.
The conference has a general conf. and several symposia. The organization of this conference is quite unusual: the TPC Chair, Dr. Lu, decided not to consult, in general, the TCs in choosing the Symposia Chairs and Vice-Chairs.
In particular, the Wireless Comm. Symp. Chairs and Vice Chairs have been decided irrespectively to the proposals of the TCs.
Finally, we had to insist a lot in order to have the RCC members included in the TPC of the Wireless Comm. Symposium. This procedure in organizing high-quality conferences is highly criticized, even in view of the TAC point of view on this issue.

- ICC 2004 - Marco attended the organization meeting.
The conference will be on 20-24 June 2004 in Paris. The technical
Program chair is Dr. Hikmet Sari. The conference structure consists of several symposia. There will be no general conference.
The RCC will co-sponsor the Wireless Comm. Symposium and the Advanced Signal Processing for Comm. Symposium.

7. Old Business

- Volunteers for next conferences: the RCC needs volunteers (representatives for possible Chair / Vice Chair, members of the TPCs to organize the review process, reviewers) for next conferences. Candidates can contact the RCC officers (Marco Chiani, Marty Meyers, Moe Win).
- Mehmet proposed to use the RCC web site to manage open positions in organizing conferences.
- IEEE endorsements: the RCC has technically endorsed the Sarnoff Symposium, and the First Workshop on Sensor Networks Protocols and Applications.
- Mehmet illustrated an initiative on sensor networks. The RCC is sponsoring the IEEE International Workshop on Sensor Network Protocols and
Applications, to be held in Conjunction with IEEE ICC 2003. Mehmet proposed new initiatives from the RCC on wireless aspects of sensor networks.

8. New Business

9. The meeting was adjourned at 14:00.