

GC '21 Meeting Minutes

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction by the TC Chair
2. Approval of minutes for meetings at ICC22
3. SIG Activities
4. Updates on e-Letter
5. TC endorsed conferences
6. Technical Achievement Award
7. Election position of the secretary: Election process and presentation of the candidates
8. TC restructure Update
9. Miscellanies

A motion for approving the agenda was presented. The motion carried.

All members were Kindly invited to share their name, affiliation and email in the chat (First Last, Good University, first.last@gooduniversity.edu
Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was led by Abdellatif Kobbane (TC Chair), who identified the TC executive for the current term, namely.

- Chair – Abdellatif Kobbane
- Vice Chair – Abd-Elhamid M. Taha
- Secretary – Hassine MOUNGLA

He noted that the mailing list currently has more than 420 subscribers to date.

Attendance was noted through Zoom participation list.

Approval of minutes for meetings at ICC 22.

Prior to the meeting, the minutes for ICC 22 have been posted on the TC website for review. Floor was opened for remarks on the minutes.

A motion for approving the ICC 22. The motion carried.

Update on website

Hassine MOUNGLA provided an update on the status of the TC website, i.e., <https://commsoft.committees.comsoc.org/>. Executive welcomed suggestions on improving the usability and ease of access.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) activities

Merwane Ayaida stated the importance of SIGs, especially (a) The need that each TC has SIGs And (b) as TCB P&P states that “Special Interest Groups (SIGs) help the TC foster the scientific and technological development in topical emerging technologies within the scope of the TC. SIGs may be created to promote activities in well-established technologies.”

The VP on Technical Committee confirmed the need that each TC has SIGs

To date, the CommSoft TC has seven SIGs, as listed below.

SIG	Coordinator	Coordinator Email
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Members interested in joining any of the standing SIGs are to contact the respective SIG coordinator. Members interested in establishing new SIGs can consult the TC chair.

Details on the reported activities can be found in the meeting presentation provided in the commsoft website link.

The coordinator of the Communication Software for Vehicular Ad hoc Networks SIG asked if there are volunteers among the members of TC to take over the coordination.

eLetter

For the e-Letter, a report was provided by the e-Letter's EiCs, Maoayad Aloqaily and Aiman Erbad. An e-Letter with a new format was released before the meeting. The content included

- About
- Links
- Awards/Distinctions
- Certificate of appreciation and Excellence
- Popular Articles
- Editorial Appointments
- Patent
- Industrial Activity
- Special Interest Groups Activities
- Ongoing Research Project
- Past Events
- Conferences and Workshops.
- Talks
- Special Issues
- Upcoming Events
- Conferences and Workshops
- Special Issues

The e-Letter EiCs encouraged members to contribute to the next issue.

Technical Achievement Award

Technical Achievement Award once or two per year presented in each GC meeting. The award recognizes members of the IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) who have made significant contributions to technological advancement of communications software networks.

The Criteria- A person with a high degree contributions and accomplishments in the field of “communications software”.

Award Frequency: Annually presented during GC ComSoft TC meeting

Nomination: Solicited from the Communications software members annually by the CommSoft TC

▶ TC-COMMSOFT Award SubCommittee

- Cheng Li (past recipient)
- Jalel Ben-Othman (past recipient)
- Adlen Ksentini (past TC chair)

Two colleagues were awarded: :

- 1- Prof. Hacène Fouchal for 2022 TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO VEHICULAR COMMUNICATIONS AND THEIR SECURITY.

- 2- Prof. Shuai Han for 2022 TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND ORIGINAL TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY AND THE INTEGRATED SATELLITE-TERRESTRIAL COMMUNICATION NETWORKS.

TC endorsed and supported conferences

Abdellatif encouraged members to relate any involvement on their side to any of the TC executive member before the next meeting.

TC Endorsed Conferences

- Communication Software, and Multimedia symposium (CSSMA), ICC 2023
- Submissions: 58
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- Submissions: 55

We need to put more efforts to increase the submission number

The chair indicated that the CommSoft TC is seeking highly motivated candidates to be nominated as symposium chairs for CSM and NGNI. The TC has one chair for CSM, and may nominate one chair for the NGNI symposium

- ▶ ICC'23, Rome (Nomination)- Ahmed Refaey for CSM symposium (confirmed)
- ▶ GC'23, (Nomination)- Hassine Moun gla for CSM symposium (confirmed)

- ▶ Abdel-Hamid Taha for MWN symposium (confirmed)
- ▶ GC'24, (Nomination). Not yet.

CommSoft TC Election

The TC officers organizes the election for the secretary position before GC22 meeting
- P&P rules: Secretary->Vice-chair,Vice-chair->Chair

The Ad hoc nomination committee (for election):

- Chair: Adlen Ksentini former chair of the TC

Members:

- Cheng Li
- Jalel Ben-Othman

The committee received three nominations (in order of receipt of applications):

- Moayad Aloqaily (xAnalytics Inc) (Nominated by Prof. A. Shami Past chair)
- Sudip Misra (IIT-Kharagpur), (Self nomination)
- Kapal Dev (Munster Technological University Ireland) (Self nomination)

Active members received an invitation to vote (list available on TC website). Voting took place online by email to the Elections Committee between December 15 at 9h00 AM and December 16 before midnight (New York time 2022). Observer : Pr. Shiwen Mao.

The results were announced on december 17th and were sent for validation to IEEE ComSoc.

Meeting adjourned at Tuesday Nov 29, 2022 at 3:30pm (Eastern Time - New York).