

# Communication Theory Technical Committee (CTTC)

ICC 2019, Shanghai, China

May 21, 2019

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The minutes from GLOBECOM 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Part of the 2019 CTTC awards committee was announced. Two more members need to be added.
3. The Nomination procedure and deadline for the CTTC awards were announced.
4. ICC 2019, GC 2019, ICC 2020, CTW 2019, CTW 2020, and CTW 2021 reports were given.

## DETAILED MINUTES

The meeting started at 19:00 and was presided by Urbashi Mitra, the Chair of CTTC.

### OPENING BUSINESS

1. U. Mitra opened the meeting by introducing what CTTC is and what it does, explained what active membership is, and introduced the current officers, Maite Brandt-Pearce (Vice Chair) and Meixia Tao (Secretary), as well as other positions. She highlighted that CTTC is involved in IEEE standards activities, with George C. Alexandropoulos being the CTTC representative.
2. U. Mitra reviewed the executive summary from the minutes from the GLOBECOM 2018 CTTC meeting and asked for corrections or amendments. The minutes were approved without any changes.
3. In her Chair's Remarks, U. Mitra explained the primary interests of CTTC, the oversight of CTW and the sponsorship of CT Symposium (primary), Signal Processing for Communication Symposium, and Wireless Communication Symposium for GLOBECOM and ICC. She also highlighted the role of CTTC in nominating or endorsing members for various IEEE awards and recognitions. She congratulated the committee's newly elevated IEEE Fellows. She outlined the uses of the mailing list, and how to subscribe it. She also introduced the Best Readings. The EiC of Best Readings, M. Valenti, mentioned the upcoming topic and encouraged members to recommend more topics. The Chair concluded her remarks by soliciting volunteers to get involved with CTTC: co-chair for future ICC/Globecom symposia, TPC member for symposia, organizers for CTW, etc.
4. U. Mitra introduced the three distinct CTTC Awards and announced the nomination procedure and deadline. She introduced the chair M. Brandt-Pearce and the two members, D. Gesbert and E. Perrins, of the 2019 CTTC awards committee. Two new members are to be selected soon. She congratulated the award recipients for 2018.

## SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOP REPORTS

### 5. Communication Theory Symposium Reports:

- U. Mitra summarized the location and dates of upcoming ICC and GLOBECOM conferences through 2023.
- ICC 2019: M. Valenti reported on paper statistics: 50 accepted out of 126 submissions (39.6%); 1 withdrawn after acceptance; 1 received best paper award.
- GLOBECOM 2019: E. Paolini gave statistics on paper submissions (144) and number of TPC members (139). Each TPC member has been assigned a maximum of 5 reviews
- ICC 2020: M. Flanagan encouraged members to contact co-chairs to volunteer as TPC member and to submit papers to the symposium

### 6. Workshop Reports:

- U. Mitra introduced the CTW steering committee and summarized the location and dates of upcoming CTWs through 2021.
- CTW 2019: E. Larsson listed the organizing committees, showed the technical program, and presented registration statistics and patrons.
- CTW 2020: J. Cheng presented the organizing committee and tentative technical program for the workshop in Banff, Alberta, May 17-20. He showed the venue Banff Springs Hotel and the way to get there. He then presented the estimated hotel and registration rates. U. Mitra commented on the high hotel rate and asked for more modest hotels.
- CTW 2021: S. Alouini presented plans for the workshop in Marbella, Spain. The date will be May 30-June 2. He listed the organizing committee, presented the overview of Marbella and the options to reach there. He also showed the nice attractions and pictures of Marbella. Los Monteros Marbella Hotel & Spa was presented as the workshop venue.

### 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes taken by M. Tao.