

**IEEE Communications Society**  
**Communications Switching and Routing Technical Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes held during GLOBECOM 2004, Dallas Texas**  
**Wednesday Dec. 1st, 2004 from 10:30am to 12:00pm**

Chair: Heiner Stuetzgen

The TCCSR bi-annual meeting was held during GC 2004 on Wednesday Dec. 1st, 2004 from 10:30am to 12:00pm in Cockrell Room, Hyatt Regency. The meeting started at 10:30am and chaired by the current TC Chair, Dr. Heiner Stuetzgen.

1. Chair welcomed the members and then all attendees introduced themselves to the meeting. List of TC members presented in the meeting is attached at the end of minutes. 17 people attended this meeting.
2. The agenda for the meeting was tabled and approved as proposed by the Chair.
3. The minutes from the last meeting held during ICC 2004 in Paris, France, were tabled and approved with no changes.

**4. Reports from other ComSoc boards**

The Chair presented a brief report from M&C board meeting held on Tuesday 30 November. The chair reported that currently ComSoc is looking to find ways to improve its financial situation. The issues discussed are that the acceptance rates of conferences are low (GICC around 35% and INFOCOM around 17%). This may also depend on availability of enough meeting rooms for sessions. One solution is to include poster sessions. The motion from M&C is to seriously consider poster sessions in all ComSoc conferences. However, it is important to make sure that posters are not considered "second class papers". GICC will make poster papers indistinguishable from other papers for ICC & Globecom. This is however not mandated for all conferences. Different conferences can try out different schemes (e.g. separate poster calls or work in progress session, etc ).

Also it was reminded that any conference that requires financial sponsorship from ComSoc must go for formal process regulated by ComSoc.

Also it was announced that if there is any proposal for workshop for INFOCOM to contact the TC chair.

It was reported that the awards committee is looking for nominations from TCs. Hussein Mouftah explained different awards. TCs also can nominate candidates for the Award Committee, which is a 3-year term. The M&C Service award will from now on be named Hal Sabol award.

5. **Conference reports:**

- a. Globecom 2004: Naoaki Yamanaka reported that around 150 papers have been submitted to the Optical Network Symposium 152 papers and 56 papers were selected all with more than 3 reviews.
- b. ICC2005: Abbas Jamalipour and Heiner Stuetzgen have organized the symposium on Next Generation Networks for Universal Services, which has two more co-chairs. Most papers were in the mobile area. 120 papers were submitted and 44 papers have been accepted. Hussein Mouftah and Mounir Hamdi are co-chairs of the Optical Networking Symposium, which has received 159 papers and 56 papers have been accepted to make 7 sessions.
- c. Globecom2005: Heiner Stuetzgen reported about his symposium proposal and that at the end another symposium called "Towards an Autonomic Internet" has been included and co-chairs will be M. Ajmone-Marsan, C. Casetti, and M. Brunner. TC members are invited to join the TPC. Abbas Jamalipour also mentioned that there will be a student program included in this conference.
- d. ICC2006: Abbas Jamalipour, Heiner Stuetzgen, and Pascal Lorenz have proposed a symposium on Next Generation Mobile Networks to this conference which has been approved.
- e. Globecom2006: Will be held in San Francisco, USA. Call for symposia will be in January 2005. There will be a trial for having more symposia, one per TC. Nirwan Ansari and Mohammad Atiquzzaman want to propose a symposium. Heiner would like also to propose a joint Symposium with TCCC and TC Internet.
- f. HPSR2005: Mounir Hamdi will Chair the conference together with Abbas Jamalipour, Nirwan Ansari and Wojciech Kabacinski as TPC co-chairs. An updated CFP was tabled. The workshop will be right before the ICC2005 in Seoul to make the travels from other countries easier. It was noted to add information regarding posters, best paper award (using TC budget) and the advisory board to the CFP.
- g. HPSR2006: The Chair presented that the proposal from Wojciech Kabacinski to have the workshop in Poznan, Poland was finally approved. It is suggested to have co-chairs again from all regions. Rich Thompson indicated his interest to be the co-chair for HPSR2006. Wojciech later indicated that Eiji Oki from NTT has agreed to be involved as co-chair. We need now somebody from Europe. If ON TC or HSN TC would like to have somebody to be involved, there is no objection.
- h. HPSR2007: Rich Thompson indicated his interest to have the workshop in Pittsburgh, USA. He will send the formal proposal to the Chair.
- i. IPOM 2004: G.S. Kuo is the Chair for the conference and it was held 11-13 October 2004 in Beijing. Petre Dini (co-chair) reported that there were some problems with the preparation of the proceedings and still there is no official copy available. There were around 200 people but many unpaid, may be around 80 paid attendees. Next IPOM 05 will be co-located with MMNS and DSOM in Barcelona in October.

6. **TC Web page:** The Chair reported that Wojciech Kabacinski updated the TC web and asked members to check it and report and information about editorship, special issue, etc to Wojciech.
7. **Magazine activities:** Larry Xue was nominated for technical editor in IEEE Network Magazine and has been approved. If there are other new activities please inform Wojciech.
8. **Collaborations with other TCs:** There was discussion about involvement of TCCC and Internet TC in HPSR. Also it was discussed that High Speed Networking TC would be a good candidate for co-sponsorship of HPSR. Later Heiner talked with the HSN chair Joe Evans of NSF, and he very much supports the idea, and realistically this will start officially at HPSR 2006 in Poznan.
9. **Upcoming Elections at ICC'05:** Heiner mentioned that the term for current TC officers will expire in mid-2005 and we need to have election during ICC2005. Please send your nominations to the TC officers. Heiner also mentioned that TAC has asked all TCs to have a standard liaison. It was discussed that this functional role should be based on appointment by TC and it was asked that comments regarding this to be sent to the TC officers. The proposal of having a new role as workshop chair was also generally agreed. There was a discussion on whether the voting for TC officers should be during meetings or by email. It was agreed that email voting is not acceptable.
10. **Any Other Business:** There was no other business.
11. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

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