Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
OFC 2008, San Diego, California
Wednesday, Wednesday, February 27, 6:00 pm – 8: 00 pm
Room 21, San Diego Convention Center

Attendees: Jason Jue, Suresh Subramaniam, Wei Wei, Wei Guo, Yan Wang, Patel
Ankitkumar, Galen Sasaki, Elisabeth Georgieva, Massimo Tornatore, Gangxiang
Shen, Xiaojun Cao, Chunsheng Xin, Nim Cheung, Yabin Ye, Piet Demeester,
Maurice Gagnaire, Josue Kuri, Biswanath Mukherjee, Vincent Chan, Ashwin
Gumaste, Chunming Qiao, Kayi Lee, Xin Liu, Xiaolan Zhang, Ken-ichi Sato, Amir
Askarian, Yi Zhu, Ioannis Tomkos, George Ellinas, Neo Antoniades, Lena
Wosinska, Aysegul Gengata Yayimli, Cicek Cavdar, Dominic Schupke, Clara
Meusburger, Anuj Agrawal, Xiang Yu, Yikai Su, Zhengbin Li, Xiaoping Zheng,
Davide Cuda

Dinner   6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

1. Biswanath stated that OFC'08 had a record number of submissions with sub-
   committees 9 and 10 among the largest. SC 9 had 166 and SC 10 had 135
   submissions. For OFC '09, there will be 3 SCs for networks - Core, Access, and
   Applications. Dominic Schupke chairs the Core SC, someone from Hitachi will
   chair Access, and Chunming Qiao will chair the Applications SC.

2. Vincent informed the meeting that he was asked by ComSoc to start a journal on
   optical networks 4 years ago – 3 issues per year. ComSoc asked to submit a Phase
   1 proposal last year which was passed by the IEEE. The 2nd phase which includes
   business plans is starting now. JON, an OSA journal, may consider joining the
   new IEEE journal. There are 3 options being considered – merge JON with the
   new journal, not merge and be a separate new journal, and to just continue the
   JSAC special editions (the OCN series). Vincent asked for input from the
   community on how to proceed. Ioannis brought up JLT and mentioned that 3
   journals in one area may be a problem. He suggested that JON and OCN may
   merge because JON has hardware papers while OCN is more theoretical in nature.
   There was some further discussion on JLT, OCN, and JON.

3. Introduction of officers and self-introductions.

4. Approval of minutes

   Minutes of the ONTC meeting at Globecom 2007 were unanimously approved.

5. Conference updates

a. OFC 2008

   Suresh, a TPC member, reported on OFC 2008 and gave some stats on paper submissions. There were 166 submissions; 55 were accepted for oral presentation, and a further 38 were accepted for poster presentation.

b. ICC 2008

   George Ellinas, TPC Co-chair reported that there were 157 submissions. 42 papers were accepted for oral presentation, and another 16 were accepted for poster presentation. Sessions were being formed; and nominations for best paper were ongoing.

c. Globecom 2008

   Rudra Dutta, Fabio Neri, and Tarek ElBawab are co-chairs. Rudra's email update mentioned that TPC was being finalized, and if anyone was interested in being on the TPC, asked them to send email to the chairs. Submission deadline is March 15.

d. ICC 2009

   Will be in Dresden, Germany. Dominic Schupke is co-chair representing ONTC. CFP is out now. Paper submission deadline is Sep. 8th.

e. Globecom 2009

   Will be held in Honolulu. ONTC is submitting a proposal. Galen Sasaki is a proposed co-chair, as is Jun Zheng. Arunita Jaekel was proposed by ONTC as Vice-Chair (ONTC Rep). Galen said that TAOS and CSR may propose other co-chairs. Final set-up of chairs will be known in a month or so.

6. Other conferences and workshops

   a. ONDM and ICTON 2008

      Ioannis mentioned that ONDM is in 2 weeks, and the CFP for ICTON is out. ECOC paper submission deadline is approaching.

   b. ECOC 2008

      Piet stated that ECOC will be in Brussels this year. It attracted 1300 people and 900 papers last year. The acceptance rate is 35%, and there were 4 networking sub-committees last year. This is the biggest conference in Europe on optical communications. Submission deadline is April 15th.

c. ANTS 2008

Ashwin said a few words about ANTS. It was a 2-day event last year, and is planned to be a 3-day event this year. Had 245 attendees last year.

d. ICCCN 2008

Jason mentioned that ICCCN will held in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in August 2008.

e. Broadnets 2008

Piet mentioned that the Broadnets submission deadline was extended to March 21.

f. Chinacom 2008

Yabin mentioned that Chinacom's deadline is March 1.

g. APOC 2008

Lena mentioned that APOC will be in Hansu, China (same city as Chinacom). KTH is an organizer, and the conference is at the end of October.

7. Standards

There was nothing to report.

8. Publications

Ken-ichi urged people to submit papers, and volunteer to review 2 to 3 papers for each submitted paper.

Ashwin mentioned that there was a special issue on cross-layer design in Network magazine. Deadline is Aug. 31.

Dominic mentioned that Communications Magazine will have a special issue on multi-domain optical networks.

George Ellinas mentioned that JON will have a special issue on radio over fiber.

9. Website

Jason mentioned that ONTC has a website and previous meeting minutes are posted there. He solicited comments on the website.

10. Other business

Nim mentioned that in Globecom 2007, there was a session by NSF speakers. Asked for ideas for other funding agency administrators in Europe etc., who can be speakers. NSF workshop was very popular at Globecom '07. There was a discussion between Chunming and Nim. Chunming urged ICC and Globecom organizers to write to NSF for student travel grants. Chunming said CONTENT sponsored about $20K in student travel grant for Infocom. Nim mentioned that Guru Parulkar had a workshop on future Internet and there were some stimulating discussions. Said that IEEE can help in bringing NSF managers to organize workshops.

Cheung said that Mischa Schwartz chairs a History committee at ComSoc to disseminate history. The committee was started by Benedetto. At Globecom'08, there will be a symposium on history with topics such as: "Who invented the radio?" OFDM?"

Suresh brought up the issue of conference deadlines. There are many deadlines that are close to each other in February-April but there were hardly any deadlines in the October-January period. He suggested that some of the conference deadlines be moved to increase submissions to all conferences. Ioannis said that big conference won't change their deadlines, but smaller ones like ONDM can consider this.

Jason announced that the next ONTC meeting will be at ICC 2008 in Beijing.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes recorded by Suresh Subramaniam