Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
Globecom 2012, Anaheim, California
Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 6:30 pm – 8: 15 pm
Sequoia D Room, Grand Californian Hotel, Anaheim, California

Attendees: George Rouskas. Ahmed Kamal, David Miller, Filippo Cugini, Walter Cerroni, Carla Rafaelli, Andrea Bianco, Franco Callegati, Brigitte Jaumard, Pin-Han Ho, Tarek El-Bawab, Harald Haas, Jean Armstrong, Steve Hranilovic, Lutz Lampe, Vincent Chan, Vinod, Vokkarane, Leonid Kazovsky, Wai Pang Ng, Zuqing Zhu, Hakki Candan Cankaya, Marcel Caria, Xiaojun (Matt) Cao, Roberto Rojas-Cessa, James Du, Nelson Fonseca, Hussein Muftah, Jaafar Elmirghani, Thomas Byeong Nam Yoon, Wolfgang Kiess, Nathan Gomes, Maite Brandt-Pearce, Qiong Zhang, Jason Jue, Eiji Oki, Nirwan Ansari, Mehmet Toy, Tao Han, Peter Mueller, Martin Reisslein, Burak Kantarci, Wahab Almuhtadi

1.   Meeting started at 6:30 pm with dinner.

2.   Self-introductions. George presented the meeting agenda.

3.   Approval of minutes of meeting at ICC 2012. Motion made by Leonid and seconded
   by Tarek. Motion passed unanimously.

4.   Announcements: George introduced the ONTC officers.

5.   Conference updates

   a. Globecom '12: Tarek El-Bawab, Brigitte Jaumard, and Jun Zheng are TPC co-chairs.
       Tarek gave an update. 70 papers were submitted, and 27 were accepted (38.6%).
       There are 5 sessions, 4 oral (23 papers) and 1 poster (4 papers). A discussion began
       about why there were so few submissions.

   b. OFC '13: OFC '13 is in preparation phase at the moment. Dominic Schupke is General
       co-Chair. 1118 regular papers were submitted, and approximately 53% were
       accepted. There will be 2 tracks relevant to ONTC, plus the normal tracks. Vincent
       mentioned that OFC is considering expanding more towards networking and
       architecture.

   c. ICC '13: ICC '13 will take place in Budapest. The ONS symposium is chaired by Xavier
       Masip-Bruin, Franco Callegati, and Tibor Cinkler. The number of submissions was
       77 and approximately 36% will be accepted. The review process is currently under
       way, and accept/reject decisions are due on January 27, 2013.

   d. Future IEEE conferences: Other conferences include: GC '13 Atlanta, ICC '14 Sydney,
       GC '14 Austin and ICC '15 London. The number of co-chairs for ONS is being
       reduced to 2 starting with Globecom 2013, due to small paper submission numbers.

Further discussion followed of declining submissions, which has been steep over the last 6 conferences.

e. Other conferences: A list of ONTC-sponsored conferences was presented: ICACT 2012, WTC 2012, NOC 2012, LATINCOM , and HONET 2012. Of particular interest are newly sponsored conferences: Latincom 2012 in Ecuador and HONET 2012 in Turkey. HPSR, in Belgrade in 2012 and in Taipei in 2013, may also be of interest (sponsored by ComSoc but not ONTC).

Steve and Harald Haas who have chaired the optical wireless workshop at Globecom the last three years expressed interest in working together with ONS. A discussion on possible collaboration ensued. Vincent Chan agreed to ask the Abbas Jamalipour to include one of Steve or Harald as co-chairs of ONS for Globecom 2014.

6. Publications:

   a. IEEE/OSA JOCN has a new co-Editor in Chief, Dr. Ori Gerstel.

   b. Elsevier's OSN: Admela Jukan joined George Rouskas as co-Editor-in-Chief in January 2012. George announced three new initiatives of the journal starting in 2013:

      i. The Fabio Neri Best Paper Award, in memory of Fabio Neri, founding co-EiC of the journal
      ii. Library Lectures in Optical Networking
      iii. Industry Forum/Series, edited by Ashwin Gumaste

7. There was a long discussion on declining submissions. Vincent mentioned that the decline of research funding is one important factor contributing to low submissions. Hussein emphasized the importance of publicizing the symposium. Tarek, Wahab, Lutz and others suggested that the TPC selection should reflect new and emerging topics (e.g., data center, wireless optical, etc.) so as to capture the trends and generate more submissions.

8. Standards and Industry Activities:

   a. Dominc Schupke, Industry Liaison: Invited talk by Dr. Hakki Cankaya, Fujitsu Networks ,on: "Fujitsu: Optical Networking and Beyond."

   b. Josue Kuri, Standards Liaison: Nothing to report

9. Mailing list and website: ONTC has more than 500 members now. The website located at http://committees.comsoc.org/ontc/ has been updated. ONTC has a strict policy on conference and workshop sponsorship. Check website for details.

10.   Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes recorded by George Rouskas