Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
ICC 2013, Budapest, Hungary
Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 12:30 – 1:50 pm
Bellevue I Room, Sofitel Hotel, Budapest, Hungary

Attendees: Suresh Subramaniam, Admela Jukan, George Rouskas, Zuqing Zhu, Arun Sen, Byrav Ramamurthy, Mohammed Atiquzzaman, Jie Li, Dung Pham Van, Vinod Vokkarane, Roberto Rojas-Cessa, Motoharu Matsuura, Eiji Oki, Henna Huang, Manishika Agaskar, Hussein Muftah, Nathan Gomes, Steve Hranilovic, Ahmed Kamal, Marcel Caria, Xiaomin Chen, Mohit Chamania, Tamal Das, Larry Xue, Vincent Chan, Janos Tapolcai, Mohan Gurusami, Prasanth Anthapadmanabhan, Mohamed Fathy Feteiha, Fadi Al-Turjman, Isil Burcu Barla, Xiaomin Liu, Luigi Fratta, Juzi Zhao, Krzysztof Walkowiak, Arunita Jaekel, Tibor Cinkler, Tarek El-Bawab, Andrea Bianco, Franco Callegati, Rod Tucker, Anpeng Huang, Nirwan Ansari.

1.   Meeting started at 12:30 pm with lunch.

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

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

4.   Announcements: Suresh introduced the ONTC officers.

5.   Conference updates

    a. ICC '13: The ONS symposium is chaired by Xavier Masip-Bruin, Franco Callegati, and Tibor Cinkler. The number of submissions was 78 and 31 papers were accepted (39.7%). There were five sessions, four oral (24 papers) and one poster (7 papers).

    b. Globecom '13: Globecom '13 wil take place in Atlanta, Georgia. S.J. Ben Yoo and Eiji Oki are TPC co-chairs of the ONS Symposium. Eiji gave an update. 63 papers were submitted, and authors will be notified on July 1st, 2013.

    c. OFC '14: OFC '14 will take place in San Francisco. Vincent is on the long range planning committee and mentioned that OFC will be expanding more towards networking and architecture issues.

    d. Future IEEE conferences: Other conferences include: ICC '14 Sydney, GC '14 Austin and ICC '15 London.

    e. ANTS '13: Byrav mentioned that ANTS is in its sixth year and is the only IEEE sponsored conference in the networking field in India.

f. ONDM '14: Tibor mentioned that ONDM '14 will take place in Stockholm in May 2014. The conference is co-sponsored by Comsoc, and the submission deadline is January 10, 2014.

g. Workshop on Optical Wireless Communications: Steve mentioned that this workshop, co-located with Globecom, is in its fourth year. The submission deadline is June 25, 2013.

h. Other conferences: A list of ONTC-sponsored conferences was presented: ICACT 2012, WTC 2012, NOC 2012, LATINCOM 2012, HONET 2012.

6. Publications:

    a. IEEE/OSA JOCN: Vincent mentioned that there will be a prize for optics papers, and solicited nominations for naming the prize.

    b. Elsevier OSN: George and Admela announced two 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

    c. Springer PNET: Byrav announced that he and Krishna Sivalingam are the new co-Editors-in-Chief of this journal.

7. There was a long discussion on declining submissions.

    Steve, who has chaired the optical wireless workshop at Globecom the last three years, expressed interest in working together with ONS. A discussion on possible collaboration ensued. One suggestion (by Tarek, Vincent, Steve, and others) was to rename the ONS symposium to include "Communications" in the title, e.g., ONCS. Tarek also offered to have TAOS nominate a co-chair from the optical wireless area. It was also suggested that the workshop TPC members join the TPC of the ONS symposium. Vincent suggested that Suresh, Tarek, and Steve meet with Abbas Jamalipur after the ONTC meeting to inform them about the intention of the three communities (ONTC, TAOS, and optical wireless workshop) to work jointly to strengthen the ONS symposium. (The meeting with Abbas Jamalipur did take place afterwards, and the outcome was positive.)

    Several attendees (Admela, George, Suresh, Tarek, Larry, Hussein, Steve, and others) suggested that the ONS CFP and TPC selection should reflect new and emerging topics (e.g., data center networks, cloud computing, green networking,, optical wireless, Ethernet, SDN, etc.) so as to capture new trends and generate more submissions. There were also calls to strengthen collaboration between OFC and ONTC. One challenge that

was identified in terms of paper submissions is that many optical papers are scattered across several symposia (e.g., green networking, HSN, etc).

There was also discussion about the possibility of the HSN TC to merge with ONTC.

8. Hussein suggested that the best paper award be posted on the ONTC website; it was agreed that this is a good idea and should be implemented.

    It was also suggested (by Franco, Tarek, and others) that if IEEE does not select a paper from the ONS symposium for a best paper award, then ONTC and TAOS jointly present such an award. It was agreed that this is a good idea and should be communicated to the co-chairs of future symposia.

9. Standards and Industry Activities:

    a. Dominc Schupke, Industry Liaison: Nothing to report.

    b. Josue Kuri, Standards Liaison: Nothing to report

10. Mailing list and website: ONTC has about 500 members now. The list is not moderated but only subscribers are allowed to post. 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.

11. Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Minutes recorded by George Rouskas