Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
OFC 2014, San Francisco, California
Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Room 309, Moscone Convention Center

Attendees: Admela Jukan, Xiaojun (Matt) Cao, Thalia Cheng, Fei Zhu, Edward liu, Bin Chen, Wei Wei, Filippo Cugini, Domenico Siracusa, Shanhong You, Luis Velasco, Shoujiang Ma, Xiaoliang Chen, Zuqing Zhu, Weigang Hou, Elaine Wong, Lei Zhang, Vincent Chan, Domnic Schupke, Pablo Pavon Marino, Avishek Nag, Biswanath Mukherjee, Massimo Tornatore, Xiaosong Yu, Jiawei Zhang, Galen Sasaki, Jane Simmons, Yi Zhu, Jason Jue, Salvatore Spadaro, Alessio Giorgetti, Zilong Ye, Yawei Yin, Ming Xia, Yongli Zhao, Ajmal Muhammad, Paolo Monti, Lena Wosinske, Gangxiang Shen, Yongcheng Li, Pantha Bhaumik, Rui Wang, Shuqiang Zhang, Ken-ichi Kitayama, Josue Kuri, Marco Ruffini, Achille Pattavina, Pulak Chowdhury, Yu Wu, Yichen Zhang, Weisheng Xie, Achim autenrieth.

1.   Meeting started at 1:00 pm with lunch sponsored by Huawei Enterprise USA.

2.   Self-introductions. Admela Jukan presented the meeting agenda. Dr. Fei Zhu from Huawei Enterprise USA presented some greeting words and briefly introduced the research, development and products from Huawei.

3.   Vincent Chan introduced some change of future OFC meeting and JOCN; Keren Bergman will step down from EIC of JOCN. Vincent also mentioned the Charles K. Kao Award, which need some sponsorship and funds raise.

4.   Dr Victor Lopez presented some Optical Network Research at Telefonica.

5.   The minutes of meeting at ICC 2013 and Globecom 2013 were approved, passed unanimously.

6.   Admela Jukan introduced the initiation of ONTC monthly newsletter to motivate more communication among ONTC members. The ONTC members are welcome to share information such as white paper, new research direction, new platform, projects, papers, equipment, teaching activities and so on, through the newsletter.

    a. Gangxiang Shen suggested a possible template or major categories for the newsletter
    b. Ming Xia suggested the newsletter to summarize the existing information/announcement from the ONTC mail list, including the CFPs, reports from the conferences such as ICC, Globecom, and OFC.
    c. Admela Jukan suggested to form a sub-committee to promote mentorship for female in optical engineering/science or start a possible scholar for female in this area. Fei Zhu, Elaine Wong and Lena Wosinske volunteered to help on this.

7.   Standards and Industry Activities:

   a. Josue Kuri, Standards Liaison: Nothing to report
   b. Dominic Schupke, Industry Liaison: Nothing to report, suggested the exhibit floor is worth visiting for the meeting attendees.

8.   Prof. Pablo Pavon Marino from UPCT presented the open-source simulation software packages: net2plan. More information can be found at net2plan.com.

9.   Conference updates

   a. No ONS symposium chairs for ICC'14 are in the audience; there will be ONTC meeting during ICC'14 in Sydney.
   b. Lena Wosinska mentioned Asia Communications and Photonics Conference (ACP) 2014 to be held in Shanghai, China, Nov. 11-14, 2014
   c. Filippo Cugini mentioned ONDM 2014, which will be held in Stockholm, Sweden in May 19-22, 2014.
   d. Future IEEE conferences: Other conferences include: GC '14 Austin and ICC'15 London.

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: Gangxiang Shen mentioned the coming four JOCN special issues among which two are based on top OFC'14 papers and the other two will focus on cloud and datacenter networks.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Xiaojun (Matt) Cao