

Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
OFC 2018, San Diego, USA
Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 12:00 – 14:00 pm
Room 15A, San Diego Convention Center, 111 W Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA

1. Meeting started at 12:00 pm with lunch.
2. Welcome from Luca Valcarengi, and agenda was briefly introduced by Luca.
3. Approval of the minutes of ONTC meeting at GLOBECOM 2017.
4. Vincent Chan presented Comsoc strategic planning exercise. Vincent is the chair of the ComSoc's Committee on Strategic Planning and Strategies, and several ONTC members are on the committee. People have a fruitful discussion how to connect academia and industry better in ComSoc activities and how to improve the industry's participation in GLOBECOM/ICC.
5. Attendees' self-introductions
6. Conference and Journal updates and reports

Conferences

- ONDM 2018:
 - Dublin (Trinity College) (<https://ondm2018.scss.tcd.ie/>)
 - May 14-17, 2018
 - General Chair: Marco Ruffini
 - TPC Co-Chairs: Anna Tzanakaki, Ramon Casellas, Achim Autenrieth
 - Total regular submissions: 60, acceptance ratio will be around 50%, and there will be 15 invited talks.
- ICC 2018:
 - May 20-24, 2018, Kansas City, USA
 - ONS Chairs: Nasir Ghani (ONTC), Tarek El-Bawab (TAOS)
 - 71 submissions: 42 networks, 29 systems; 30 was accepted.
- OECC/PSC 2019:
 - Jul. 7-11, 2019, Fukuoka, Japan
 - Presented by Kiichi Hamamoto
 - Paper submission deadline: Feb. 28, 2019
 - Previous PS conference got changed to PSC and will be held together with OECC
- ECOC 2018, Sept. 23-27, 2018, Rome, Italy

- Presented by Filippo Cugini
- ECOC will accept 3-page demo paper submissions for the first time
- GLOBECOM 2018 (Abu Dhabi) ONS Chairs: Xavi Masip-Bruin, Hakki Cankaya (TAOS)
- ICC 2019 (Shanghai) ONS Chairs: Matt Cao (ONTC), Scot Fowler (CSR)
- GLOBECOM 2019 (Big Island, Hawaii) ONS Chairs: nominations submitted.
- IEEE ANTS, Dec. 17-20, 2017, Bhubaneswar, India
 - Presented by Biswanath Mukherjee
- OSA NETWORKS, July 2-5, 2018, Zurich
- NETWORKS, Sep. 10-12, 2018, Cartagena
- ICACT 2018, Aug. 12-15, 2018, Sweden
- ACP, Oct. 26-29, 2018, Hangzhou, China

Journals

- Journal of Optical Communications and Networking (JOCN)
 - Presented by Vincent Chan, founder of the journal
 - JOCN will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in 2019
- Optical Communications Series in IEEE Communications Magazine (ComMag)
 - Presented by Zuqing Zhu, one of the series editors
 - Two series published in the February and August issues of ComMag each year
 - No submission deadline, authors can submit when their manuscripts are ready
- IEEE Networking Letters
 - Presented by George Rouskas, the EiC
 - A new journal launched by ComSoc, and will start to accept submissions since May 2018
 - Fast track of review, 4-page letter style papers

7. Call for Nominations:

- a) ONTC Awards – presented annually at GLOBECOM:
 - i. Technical Achievement
 - ii. Outstanding Service
- b) ONS Chairs for future GLOBECOM/ICC Conferences
- c) ComSoc Distinguished Lecturers (DLs)
 - i. Nomination deadline: September 30, 2018
- d) IEEE Fellows
 - i. ONTC endorsement (Deadline March 1)

8. ONTC Award in 2017

- a) Outstanding Technical Achievement Award:

- i. To recognize members of ONTC who have done outstanding technical work in the broad field of optical communications and networks, and have achieved a high degree of visibility in the field
 - ii. Prof. Ken-ichi Sato, Nagoya University, “For Contributions to Photonic Systems and Transport Networks”
- b) Outstanding Service Award:
- i. To recognize members of ONTC who have a distinguished record of service to the ONTC, providing exceptional leadership within ONTC, and promoting the ONTC activities and interests in the broader community
 - ii. Dr. Dominic Schupke, Airbus Group, “For Key Efforts in Industry Outreach”

9. Other business

- a) IEEE-SA Industry Connections Optical Networks 2020 Activity, Date: Wednesday, 14 March, 13:15-15:15, Location: Theater II, Hall E

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