

IEEE Communications Society
Technical Committee on Communications Software (TCCS)

Meeting Minutes held during ICC 2011

**Tuesday, June 7th, 2011, 12:00-13:30 Room 552, Kyoto Convention Center, Kyoto,
Japan**

Chaired by Abdelhamid Mellouk, TCCS Chair

Minutes by Jalel BenOthman, TCCS member

The Chair shortly introduced the agenda of the meeting, which was accepted by attendees.

1. Welcome/Introductions: The Chair welcomed the attendees and they shortly introduced themselves to the others. The list of the TC members is enclosed at the end of the minutes.

2. Approval of Minutes of the last TC meeting held during GlobeCom 2010. The approved minutes are available at the TCCS web site.

3. The chair shortly introduced;

- TCCS Scope: Advance the state of the art in communications software and its various aspects, including services and applications. It serves as the major forum for discussion among communications software professionals in both of the communications and computer academia and industries.
- Members in Mailing-List: 100
- Officers:
 - Chair : Abdelhamid Mellouk
 - Vice Chair : Joel Rodrigues
 - Secretary : Lynda Mokdad
- TCCS Chair asked any volunteer for TCCS committees and liaison officers. After discussions, TCCS decisions:
 - Awards Committee: Current Chair and Past Chairs
 - Standard Liaison: Hamid Nafaa
 - Smart Grid AdHoc Committee Liaison: Jaime Lloret Mauri
 - Cloud communication AdHoc Committee Liaison: Lei Shu
 - NewsLetter EiC Board: Lynda Mokdad with Lei Shu
 - SIG coordinator: Adlen Ksentini
- Policies and Procedures:
 - Ordinary Member Subscribe to the COMMSOFT mailing list.
 - Active Member – Satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- has attended (physically present or by teleconference) at least one of the regularly scheduled TC-COMMSOFT meetings in the last two years before election;
- has served in last two years as a TPC Member or TPC Chair or Co-Chair, Advisory Board (or equivalent) for conferences and workshops sponsored by TCCS.

o TCCS Awards:

- Conference Best Paper Award;
- Best Paper Award;
- Distinguished Service Award;
- Career Achievement award.

4. Among a number of symposia, TCCS chair asked that TCCS should be particularly involved in 3 symposia (and not only in CSMA):

- Communications Software, Services and Multimedia Applications Symposium.
- Next-Generation Networking Symposium
- Communication QoS, Reliability& Modeling Symposium

5. TAC Report

- Technical Activities Council met on Monday 6 June 2011, 7-9am. TCCS Chair, Abdelhamid Mellouk attended the TAC meeting. The highlights of the TAC is shown here:
 - i. Fellow nominations received by ComSoc: 83 (Last year 69, 32 elevated)
 - ii. Award committee is expanded to cover more duties
 - iii. Currently there are 26 Distinguished Lecturers
 - iv. Currently there are 24 TCs
 - 1. TC-PLC initiated Best Readings in Power Line Communications; to be used as a model for next Best Readings
 - 2. New ad hoc committee on Cloud Communications and Networking
 - 3. Motion for creation of a new TC on Cable Networks and Services
 - 4. Humanitarian Communication TC (HCTC): Mehmet Ulma
- Following was proposed to TAC which I agreed for our TC:
 - 1. “The initiative I am leading is about bringing a motion to the BoG meeting in Kyoto where it is proposed to change ComSoc by-laws with respect to the Standards Activities part, specifically enabling a more formal involvement of the TCs in our Standards Activities.”
 - 2. “The rationale for the proposed changes aims at enabling a stronger involvement of TCs into ComSoc standardization activities. This would be accomplished by making sure that, among other things, the relevant TCs have representatives with voting power in the Standard Boards and Standards Committees.”
- Conf Portfolio:
 - Analysis of pros / cons
 - May stop some sponsored ones, or sponsor some in-coop
 - Evaluating Criteria: Financial, Attendance, Technical Area, Quality.

- A bit weighed towards large revenue sources

6. CS status and activities

6.1 Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Short report about each SIG activities by SIGs' coordinator and each SIG coordinator present on the meeting was presented.

- 1 - Special Interest Group on "Communications Software for Networked Robots".
- 2 - Special Interest Group on "Communications Software for Vehicular AdHoc Networks".
- 3 - Special Interest Group on "Communications Software for eHealth".
- 4 - Special Interest Group on "Communications Software for Ubiquitous Computing".
- 5- Special Interest Group on "Communications Software for Multimedia Computing and Service".

6.2 Publications

TCCS is available to support proposals for special issues on IEEE journals (ComMag, JSAC, etc.)

- JCOMSS => support by the committee to inclusion JCOMSS papers in Xplore.
- Elsevier JNCA SI => Vehicular Communications and Applications: SD : July 15, 2011.
- IEEE ComMag => Communication Protocols and Algorithms for the Smart Grid: SD : July 1st, 2011.
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- JCOMSS - Journal of Communications Software and Systems; support by the committee to inclusion JCOMSS papers in IEEEExplore

7. Conferences and Workshops Reports

The TCCS chair explain the process of co-chair nomination in our ICC/GC symposia: Each symposium will have its own technical program committee that is managed by a set of 2-4 Symposium Co-Chairs. The co-chairs retain full responsibility for all aspects of the symposium technical program, including the shaping of its technical program, managing the review process, selecting accepted papers, and organizing its sessions.

About the selection process: The names the TCCS suggest will not automatically be accepted. Instead, the symposia co-chairs will be chosen by the Globecom/ICC technical program committee Chair and by the Globecom/ICC Technical Committee (GITC) so as to best meet the following objectives: quality symposia; efficient and orderly collaboration between the co-chairs and the TPC; full participation and support from all sponsoring technical committees; a mix of familiar faces with prior co-chair experience and new faces; broad participation from all parts of the world; and broad participation from industry and academia. It is usual that the number of TC's nominations received will exceed the number of open co-chair positions.

7.1 Reports on Globecom/ICC conferences

GlobeCom 2011: Pascal Lorenz (CSMA Symposium)

ICC 2012: Joel Rodrigues and Abdelhamid Mellouk (CSMA Symposium)

GlobeCom 2012: Pascal Lorenz and Brice Augustin (CSMA Symposium)

ICC 2013 (Proposed, waiting Chairs and GITC approval): Jaime Lloret Mauri (Communication QoS, Reliability & Modeling Symposium), Lynda Mokdad (Communication Software Services, and Multimedia Applications Symposium) and Joel Rodrigues (Next-Generation Networking Symposium).

7.2 Reports on other/joint conferences

SoftCom'2011 (Split), ICMWI'2010 (Algiers), SaCoNaS'2010 (Miami), SaCoNeT'2011 (Houston), SCPA'2011 (Houston), ISPS'2011 (Algiers),

8. TC Meeting adjourned at 13:30 and next meeting will be in Houston, USA during GlobeCom 2011.

9. List of Attendees:

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