

Internet TC Meeting
Nov. 30th, 2006, Stanford Court, S. Francisco, CA

Meeting minutes

Participants: Amitabh Mishra (Secretary) Virginia Tech, Guy Omidyar (Omidyar) Institute, John Buford (Panasonic), Volker Hilt (Bell Labs), Dapeng Oliver Yu (University of Florida) , Marwan Krunz (University of Arizona), Sastri Kota (Harris Corporation) , Chen-Nee Chuah (University of California-Davis), Qinging Zhang (Bell Labs – Lucent), Farhad Dagar (CMU), Zartash Afzal Uzmi (LUMS), Jari Arkko (Ericsson Research) , Lars Eggert (NEC Labs)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The ITC meeting was held during Globecom 2006 on November 30th in the Stanford Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon and was chaired by the current secretary of the TC, Dr. Amitabh Mishra.

The chair welcomed the members and then all attendees introduced themselves to the meeting. List of TC members attending the meeting is given above.

2. TAC Report

Amitabh had attended the TAC meeting earlier representing ITC. He gave the TAC report during the meeting which consisted of the following key points.

1. Standards activities within comsoc are led by Alex Gelman who reported during the TAC meeting formation of new standard series on RFID as well as on cognitive radio.
2. Sergio Benedetto has reported the new collaboration between IEEE and GEOSS (Global Earth Observation System of Systems). There was a representative from GEOSS organization who made the presentation to TAC regarding their activities and status.
3. The Emerging Technologies sub-committee chair, Len Cimini reported that two sub-committees have been elevated to full committees, these are a TC on Network Security and a TC on Cognitive Radios.
4. TAC chair explained the new process for TC recertification due this year. The recertification happens every three years and it is necessary for the continuation of TC.
5. Heiner reported on new policies regarding symposium and workshops that GICC is going to follow from next year.

3. Open Discussion

The open discussion focused around measures ITC could put in place to improve participation by TC members. Some of the issues discussed are summarized below.

1. It was asked which upcoming symposia ITC is sponsoring and why certain symposia are co-sponsored and others not – A list of symposia sponsored by ITC is available on the ITC Web page. Criteria for sponsoring an event are also available on the Web page.
2. A meeting participant asked why ITC meetings do not take place regularly during both ICC and Globecom conferences – As a committee promoting the ubiquitous use of the Internet, ITC conducts most of its business via the Internet, leveraging its mailing list, Web pages and other means. This does not prevent ITC from having regular face-to-face meetings. In fact, such meetings are encouraged to be held during at least one of the three major IEEE conferences, namely Infocom, ICC, and Globecom. ITC will look into holding such meetings more frequently based on demand and participation.

3. It was asked when the last elections for ITC officers were held and when the next elections will be held – Last ITC Officer elections were in November 2004. Next elections are targeted for 2007.
4. It was suggested that past and future ITC Conference representatives could be present at ITC meetings as a means to increase active participation in the TC activities.
5. A suggestion was made that ITC should try to minimize overlap with TCCC.
6. A meeting participant raised concerns about the quality of the Global Internet conference – Global Internet is ITC's flagship event and ensuring highest quality for this event is at the utmost importance to ITC. No earlier concerns had been raised (in contrary – Global Internet received praise for its high quality), but ITC will look into any issues that might impact the quality of this event.
7. It was asked when the next ITC meeting will take place and if there will be one during ICC'07.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2.00pm.