

Minutes of the ONTC Meeting (to be approved)
OFC 2007, Anaheim, USA
201d Room, Anaheim Convention Center
March 26, 2007, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Attendees: Xin Liu, Nicola Andriolli, Francesco Paolucci, Dragos Andrei, Suman Sarkar, Chava Vijaya Saradhi, Lena Wosinska, Gigi Karmous-Edwards, Nagi Rao, Onur Turkcu, Cicek Cavdar, Dominic Schupke, Ken-ichi Sato, Qingya She, Xiaodong Huang, Nasir Ghani, Ashwin Gumaste, Neo Antoniadis, Chunming Qiao, Biswanath Mukherjee, Vincent Chan, Qiong Zhang, Vinod Vokkarane, Massimo Tornatore, Ioannis Tomkos, Jason Jue.

Ioannis opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.

1. Welcome and self introductions.

Ioannis opened the meeting by explaining the objectives of ONTC and presented the other officers of ONTC.

2. Approval of minutes Globecom 2006.

The minutes were approved.

3. Conference updates.

a. OFC 07

Prof. Biswanath Mukherjee gave an update about OFC 2007.

- Starting from this OFC edition, new introductory sessions have been introduced called Morning Technical briefings: in these sessions, the chairs of various sub-committee introduce, from an overall perspective, the more relevant topics to be discussed during the technical session.

- New technical program committee members include Dominic Schupke and Chunming Qiao among others.

FON

Prof. Chunming Qiao commented on the Future of Optical Networking (FON) workshop. This year it was organized by Mike O'Mahony, Ken-Ichi Kitayama, Dan Blumenthal, Chunming Qiao, and Tanya Politi. There were presentations given by 11 speakers (from industry and academia).

(<http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/~qiao/workshop/FON2/>)

This was the second edition of FON. Last year FON was only co-located with OFC, while this year FON was included directly as an OFC workshop in the conference technical agenda.

Chunming raised the tight problem schedule: the workshop started at 3:30 because people would rather start at 3:30 and not before. On the other hand, this implies no breaks and 4 consecutive hours till 7:30.

The next FON will be organized by Ken-Ichi Kitayama during OECC/IOOC in July 2007.

b. ICC 07

The TPC Chairs for the ICC 07 Optical Symposium are Suresh Subramaniam, Stefano Bregni, and Wojciech Kabacinski. There were 160 submissions, with 74 papers accepted. 40% of the paper were accepted, the symposium was quite successful. There is no quality distinction between posters and oral presentation papers.

Prof. Chan raised the problem of registration fees at ICC.

Prof. Tomkos enlarged the scope of the discussion, pointing out that it is a common problem in recent conferences. Prof. Qiao commented that, apparently, the local arrangement people insisted on using one of the most expensive conference venues. So registration fees were raised due to the location and currency exchange problem. Prof. Qiao also said that COMSOC wants to prevent this from happening again in the future.

Prof. Tomkos proposed a new requirement for conference organizers: registration fees should be announced before the paper acceptance (even included in the CFP).

c. Globecom 2007

The TPC Chairs for the Globecom 07 Optical Symposium are Admela Jukan, Ahmed Kamal, and Achille Pattavina. Admela reported 142 submissions.

d. ICC 2008

ICC 2008 will be held in Beijing in May 2008. There were two proposals for an Optical Networking Symposium, one from ONTC and one from TAOS. The ONTC proposal was accepted with an additional Chair from TAOS (Mounir Hamdi). The TPC Chairs are Georgios Ellinas, Mohan Gurusamy, and Mounir Hamdi. The TPC Vice Chair is Rudra Dutta.

It has been noted that GICC (Globecom-ICC Conference Committee) is currently standardizing the way symposia are organized.

e. Globecom 2008

Globecom 2008 will be held in December 2008 in New Orleans, LA. It will be the first Globecom with the new GICC rules. Fabio Neri, Rudra Dutta, and Gigi Karmous-Edwards will be preparing the symposium proposal.

f. ICC 2009

ICC 2009 will be held in Dresden, Germany. Dr. Dominic Schupke has been invited by Ioannis to join in organizing an Optical Networking Symposium. He accepted.

g. OFC 2008

OFC 2008 will be held in San Diego. Prof. Qiao will be the Chair and has already formed the TPC, which includes Piet Demeester, Admela Jukan, and Jennifer Yates, among others. The topic areas have been updated. OCDMA, currently belonging to the networks area, will be moved to a different subcommittee. The Network area will be oriented towards architectures, protocols, and algorithms.

4. Other conferences

a. ONDM 2007

ONDM 2007 will be held in Athens from May 29 to June 1st. Prof. Tomkos, as the chair, reported on ONDM 2007. The selection of papers has been completed. 89 papers were submitted, and 40 were accepted. Papers will be published through Springer. There are a number of invited speakers.

For details, see www.ondm2007.gr.

b. BroadNets 2007

The General Co-chairs for BroadNets 2007 are George Rouskas and Ioannis Tomkos. The conference will be held in mid-September in Raleigh, NC. The Optical Networking Symposium is Chaired by Ibrahim Habib and Mario Pickavet. For session details see www.broadnets.org.

The Workshop on Optical Burst Switching (WOBS) will be held in conjunction with BroadNets. It will be chaired by Javier Aracil.

c. ECOC 2007

ECOC 2007 will be held in Berlin, Germany at the end of September. The TPC Chairs are Klaus Petermann and Andreas Gladisch. There is a Subcommittee on "Backbone and Core Networks". For details, see <http://www.ecocexhibition.com/modules/serve.cgi>.

d. Nasir Ghani reported on the INFOCOM High Speed Networking Terabits Workshop Byrav Ramamurthy is the co-chair. He called for volunteers to serve on the TPC.

e. ICCCN 07

Vinod Vokkarane reported on ICCCN 07, which will be held in Hawaii in mid-August. Recently ICCCN got sponsorship from IEEE. The CFP is closed. For details, see <http://sa1.sice.umkc.edu/iccn2007/>.

f. AccessNets 07

AccessNets 07 will be held in Ottawa in August. The TPC Co-Chairs are Stefano Galli and Ashwin Gumaste. The CFP is now ready. For details, see <http://www.accessnets.org/2007/orgcom.htm>.

g. ICTON

ICTON will be held in Rome in July. Prof. Lena Wosinska reported. At its beginning, ICTON was focused on the physical layer, now there are two subcommittees on network-oriented topics: WAOR (Optical switching & routing) chaired by Prof. Josep Sole Pareta, and RONEXT (Network reliability & availability) chaired by Prof. Lena Wosinska. ICTON is sponsored by IEEE.

5. Publications

a. JSAC-OCN

Prof. Chan discussed the proposal to transform JSAC-OCN in a new stand-alone journal on optical networking. The proposal was fully supported by the ONTC. There is a call for high-quality submissions. It is probably needed that some people will be responsible for a given amount of submissions. The target is to have four issues a year. In order to concretize their support, a letter of support from ONTC and the European Network of Excellence E-Photon-One should be provided.

6. Website

Jason reported about the state of the ONTC website. Any updates for the mailing list or website should be sent to Byrav.

10. Other Business

The next ONTC meeting will be at ICC 07 in Glasgow.

Minutes recorded by Massimo Tornatore.