

Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
Globecom 2011, Houston, Texas
Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 6:00 pm – 8: 00 pm
Room 340/Level 3, Hilton Americas Hotel

Attendees: Byrav Ramamurthy, Suresh Subramaniam, Maode Ma, Jason Jue, Sesahdri Mohan, Saket Varma, Vincent Chan, Ankitkumar Patel, Sharhabeel Alnabshi, Tarek El-Bawab, Ahmed Kamal, Avishek Nag, Ming Xia, Andrzej Jajszczyk, Habib Fathallah, Michele Savi, Domenico Siracusa, Grzegorz Danilewicz, Wojciech Kabacinski, Guoliang (Larry) Xue, Hassan Naser, George Rouskas, Shivashis Saha, Rudra Dutta, Chang Cao, Driss Benhaddou, Thomas Yoon, Koji Kamakura, Anna Manolova Fagertun, Jose Marzo, Joan Triay, Jeremy Plante, Burak Kantarci, Jaafar Elmirghani, Taisir El-Gorashi, Houbin Song

1. Meeting started at 6:00 pm with dinner.
2. Self-introductions. Byrav presented the meeting agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of meeting at OFC 2011 (no meeting at ICC 2011). Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Election of ONTC Secretary: Byrav first gave an overview of the structure of ONTC. ONTC has 3 elected positions. Currently there are 4 appointed officers: Dominic Schupke (industry liaison), Ashwin Gumaste (ONTC newsletter editor), Srin Ramasubramanian (online content chair), Josue Kuri (standards liaison).

The Nomination and Election (N &) committee is made up of Byrav (chair), Jason Jue, and Bis Mukherjee. An overview of the election procedures was given by Byrav. He pointed out that nominations from the floor were permitted.

There were no floor nominations, and only one candidate for election to the position of ONTC Secretary – George Rouskas. Byrav read the candidate's statement and bio. The election was by open vote (show of hands) and George was unanimously elected.

5. Publications
 - a. JOCN: Vincent mentioned that the current time from submission to publication in JOCN was 172 days, which is about 30% better than any ComSoc journal. The journal is getting an increasing number of submissions, mainly from Asia and Europe. Vincent has been elected as Publications Vice-Chair for ComSoc, and will be stepping down as Co-Editor-in-Chief of JOCN soon, and a new EiC will be appointed. Keren Bergman will stay on as EiC for one more year. The page limit for JOCN is 10 pages – 2 more than other journals.

- b. NSF Workshop Report: Vincent also mentioned that he'd just completed a report on the NSF Workshop held in March 2011. Optical networking forms a big part (about one-third) of the report, and he encouraged the submission of optical proposals to NSF.
6. Conferences
- a. ONS @ GC 2011 in Houston: Chaired by Vinod, Mounir, Jong-Dug Shin, and Maode. Received 113 submissions, 42 were accepted to form 7 sessions.
 - b. OFC 2012: Will be held March 4-8 in Los Angeles. Dominic gave an update. New wording on post-deadline papers has been accepted and will be on the website shortly. This tries to address issues coming from the ONTC community about post-deadline papers. For OFC 2012 and for future OFCs, submissions and reviews will be double-blind. Jason gave an update on the TPC review process. 40 oral papers and 15 posters have been accepted to Core Networks. There are 8 invited talks, and George will be giving a tutorial. A discussion on the pros and cons of the double-blind process followed.
 - c. ICC 2012: Will be held in Ottawa, Canada. Vinod Vokkarane, Pin-Han Ho, Lena Wosinska, and Martin Maier are TPC Co-Chairs. Decisions have been made – 35 papers (30 oral + 5 poster) have been accepted, and the average number of reviews per paper was 3.73.
 - d. ANTS 2011: Will be held 18-21 December in Bangalore, India. Sudhir Dixit is General Chair, and Byrav and Vijay Sivaraman are TPC Co-Chairs. The conference features 35 long paper presentations (+ 2 invited papers), 9 short papers, and 9 posters.
 - e. Future IEEE conferences: Globecom '12 Anaheim, ICC '13 Budapest, GC '13 Atlanta, GC '14 Austin.
 - f. Other conferences: ONTC-endorsed IEEE ComSoc technically co-sponsored conference list on ONTC website: NOC '12, OECC '12, ICACT '12, WTC '12, HONET '11.
 - g. Byrav briefed about the TC endorsement and co-sponsorship process and encouraged members to contact ONTC chair for endorsing a conference they are planning. Solicited members to talk about other conferences. Thomas Yoon talked about ICACT '11. 739 papers submitted, 317 accepted, 52 sessions, from 34 countries. This conference is not just on optical topics, but also on wireless and other networking topics. Thomas has been associated with conference since 1999.
7. Standards and industry activities: Josue Kuri is the ONTC liaison to the ComSoc Standards Board (CSSB). Members were encouraged by Byrav to participate in this.

Josue was unable to attend the ONTC meeting, but sent in an update. The First IEEE Workshop on Telecommunications: From Research to Standards will be held at ICC 2012 in Ottawa, Canada. At the CSSB meeting at Globecom 2011, the main topics of discussion were (a) DySPAN, (b) Global ICT Standardization Forum for India, www.gisfi.com<<http://www.gisfi.com>>, and Future Directions for Nano-networking. Further, Ken-ichi Suzuki of NTT was elected as the Vice-Chair of Service Interoperability in EPON (SIEPON) WG.

8. Mailing list and website: ONTC mailing list is hosted at cse.unl.edu (not moderated). There is a limit on the size of attachments. One has to be a member to post on the list. There are 507 members currently.

The ONTC website is at: <http://committees.comsoc.org/ontc/>

9. Other business: None.
10. Farewell message from Chair: Byrav gave an update on what has happened recently, and pointed to the greater role of ComSoc in OFC. Mentioned that JOCN is something to be proud of for the ONTC community. He expressed the wish for the availability for a magazine on optical networking. He closed by acknowledging the help of previous chairs Hussein, Bis, and Jason. Thanked fellow officers. Byrav was given a round of applause for his leadership by all attending members and was thanked for his leadership of ONTC for the last 2 years.

Meeting adjourned.