

# TCCC Meeting Minutes - Globecom '95

November 14, 1995, 5:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Prof. Tatsuya Suda. The chair recalled the scope and mission of the TCCC.

## Conference and Workshop Activities

The following reports were made concerning our conference activities:

### Workshop on Computer Communications

*The IEEE 11th Annual Workshop on Computer Communications* will be held at Lansdowne Resort, Ashburn, Virginia, on September 15 through 18, 1996. The Lansdowne Resort is about a 10 minute drive from Dulles/Washington airport and 40 miles from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The workshop is sponsored by the TCCC and the George Washington University. Contact person for the TCCC is Dr. Guy Omidyar ([gomidyar@mailcenter.tsmi.iitri.com](mailto:gomidyar@mailcenter.tsmi.iitri.com)).

### Infocom'96

[\*INFOCOM '96\*](#) will be held in San Francisco at the Hotel Nikko, March 1996. The conference general chair is Kazem Sohrawy, and the TPC chair is Biswanath Mukherjee. There will be 6 tutorials (Half day tutorials: Wireless Communication Networks, by Don Cox, Stanford University; Image and Video Compression, by Avidesh Zakhor, UC Berkeley; Full day tutorials: Optical Networking, by Rajiv Ramaswami, IBM; High-Performance Networks: From Ethernet to ATM by Pravin Varaiya, UC Berkeley; Broadband Networking: Models and Techniques for Control, Design and Management, by Debasis Mitra, AT&T Bell Laboratories; Multimedia Conferencing over the Internet, by Van Jacobson, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory). The final program is already available. The Technical Program Chair, Prof. Biswanath Mukherjee ([mukherjee@cs.ucdavis.edu](mailto:mukherjee@cs.ucdavis.edu)) presented a report on the conference program. 590 papers were submitted, 176 accepted, with an acceptance rate of 29.8% (in 1995, the acceptance rate was 33.3%), 12 withdrawn, 131 TPC members (13 ATPCs), 700+ reviewers and 1800+ reviews. The committee detected concurrent submissions, namely 16 detected with TON and 8 with earlier Infocom. The committee gave the authors the choice to withdraw their submissions; 8 authors withdrew their papers. Some papers, under previous agreement with the authors, were pointed out for a possible 'quick' review process to journals: 10 to Transactions on Networking (August 1996 issue), 12 to WINET (August 1996 issue) and 7 to JSAC's issue on multipoint communications.

The review process was handled electronically; 30% of the final submission were made by ftp. Where the paper was available in electronic form, the paper was sent out via ftp to the TPC members.

Six panels (Wireless Multimedia Networks: Issues, Challenges and Directions; Inter-operability in Multi-vendor ATM Networks; Synchronization for Multimedia Communication; Can high-speed wide-area networks be effectively controlled?; Simulation Modeling of Communication Networks: State of the Art and Challenges; The Economics of the Internet) will be held.

So far there are already 95 registrations for Infocom 96. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Arno Penzias, Vice President of Research at AT&T Bell Laboratories.

### ICC'96

[\*ICC '96\*](#) will be held in Dallas, Texas, June 23-28, 1996. Our TC representative, Ibrahim Habib, can be reached at [ibhcc@cunyvms.cuny.edu](mailto:ibhcc@cunyvms.cuny.edu), phone +1 212-650-7184, fax: +1 212-650-8249. A total of 625 papers were submitted to the

conference. The TCCC committee is sponsoring 11 sessions (7 full sessions, 2 half sessions and 2 co-sponsored sessions with the quality assurance technical committee). It handled 126 papers, out of which 64 have been accepted, an acceptance ratio of 51%.

## Globecom'96

[Globecom '96](#) will be held in London, November 18-22, 1996. Our TC representative is Doug Schmidt, [schmidt@wustl.edu](mailto:schmidt@wustl.edu), phone: +1 314-935-7538, fax: +1 314-935-7302. The TCCC committee proposed to sponsor 11 sessions and 1 panel. A conference meeting took place in Singapore on November 15th, 1995. Help is needed to decide the proposed hot topics and session names.

## Infocom'97

[INFOCOM '97](#) will be held in Kobe, Japan, April 7-11, 1997. Tatsuya Suda is the technical program co-chair ( [suda@ics.uci.edu](mailto:suda@ics.uci.edu) ). The conference co-general chairs are Prof. Hasegawa and Prof. Pickholtz. Prof. Hasegawa assured us that Kobe will have recovered from the earthquake by 1997. The Gigabit Networks Workshop will be held back-to-back with Infocom 1997. Prof. Miyahara gave some information about Kobe city, the conference site of INFOCOM 1997. Kobe is located in the Kansai area, which includes Osaka, Kyoto and Nara, in the south-west of Honshu, the biggest island of Japan. Kobe has been known as an international port city since 1868 and has become one of the largest trade ports in the world. Kobe is also a cosmopolitan city. The mixture of cosmopolitan and international flavor gives Kobe a unique flavor not seen in nearby Kyoto and Osaka and attracts many, especially, young people. Kobe can be reached in three hours and 20 minutes from Tokyo by Shinkansen (the bullet train), and only 32 minutes by high-speed jet foil from the Kansai International Airport.

The conference site of INFOCOM '97 is located on the International Conference Center Kobe. The International Conference Center Kobe on Port Island can be reached from the Kansai International Airport by jet-foil. The official hotel of the conference is Kobe Portpia Hotel near the conference center.

Prof. Suda introduced and thanked Prof. Masayuki Murata, Osaka University, for Local arrangements; Prof. Tetsuya Takine, Osaka University acting as the Treasurer; Prof. Yuji Oie, Nara Institute of Tech. acting as the Publicity co-chair; Dr. Aihara, NTT acting as an advisory committee member, and Prof. Hideo Miyahara, Osaka University, acting as Technical Program Committee Co-Chair.

## ICC'97

[ICC'97](#) will be held in Montreal, Canada, June 8-12, 1997. Our TC representative is Zygmunt Haas ([haas@acm.org](mailto:haas@acm.org)). Prof. Suda showed a report he had received from Dr. Dinesh Verma, Philips Labs, ([dcv@philabs.philips.com](mailto:dcv@philabs.philips.com)) and Dr. Weiguang Wang, ISS Singapore ([wwang@iss.nus.sg](mailto:wwang@iss.nus.sg)) on the conference. For more information the contact person is Celia Desmond ([Celia\\_L\\_Desmond@stentor.ca](mailto:Celia_L_Desmond@stentor.ca)).

## Globecom'97

[Globecom'97](#), will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Volunteers are needed to work on the preparation of the conference.

## ICC'98

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## Other Business

The presentation of Prof. Biswanath Mukherjee about INFOCOM'96 provided the motivation to discuss some

interesting general issues, though a formal conclusion was not drawn. Prof. Suda suggested to bring the discussion to the next TCCC meeting and to have a discussion follow-up through the TCCC mailing list. The following summarizes the discussions.

## Concurrent Submissions

Prof. Akyildiz says that some calls for papers include a written rule to avoid concurrent submission and suggests to include such a written rule also in the call for INFOCOM. Prof. Daigle observes that for a paper to be considered for publication in the Network Magazine, the presentation of a related paper to a conference is requested. Prof. Akyildiz noted that the round trip time in the review process of journals such as Transaction on Networking is at least 8 months and a relaxation on the rules for concurrent submission to a magazine should be considered. It was also pointed out that concurrent submission to multiple conferences should be avoided.

## Review Process

The accuracy of the review process is questioned and the need to have extensive feedback, and not only scores, sent to authors both in case of acceptance and of rejection was raised by Prof. Boisson De Marca. Prof. Suda emphasized that the review process is a resource demanding process in terms of number and quality of the people involved in it. The issue of blind reviews was raised and Kai Eng suggested that the names of the reviewers should be published together with the paper in a journal in order to identify clearly the responsible reviewers. Alternatives on the organization of the review process were debated by Profs. Decina, Daigle, Akyildiz and others including a larger number of TPC members versus a hierarchical or a matrix organization of the TPC members.

## Conference Papers and Journals

The choice of the INFOCOM'96 TPC to point some outstanding papers directly to journal's editors for a fast review process was discussed. All participants agreed on the fact that conference reviews are not the same as journal reviews. The review for a journal should be a more in-depth process and the flavor of a paper in a journal should be different than that of a conference paper. On the other hand, everyone seemed convinced that timely contributions can hardly cope with the round-trip times of a conference review process cascaded with the review process of a journal. Prof. Decina said that if it is decided to route outstanding conference contributions to journals, he would encourage the submission to journals run by the IEEE Communications Society.

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