

TCCC Meeting Minutes - Globecom '96

The TCCC meeting at [Globecom '96](#) was held on Tuesday, November 19, 1996 from 5.15 pm until about 7 pm. It was chaired by Tatsuya Suda.

Conference Reports

Since the TCCC conference representative, Roch Guerin, was not present, the following reports were read by H. Schulzrinne based on material received from Roch Guerin, unless otherwise noted.

Infocom 1996

Kazem Sohraby reported that Infocom 1996 attracted 564 papers, of which only 164 were published.

LAN/MAN Workshop 1996

Martina Zitterbart reported that the LAN/MAN workshop 1996 in Potsdam, near Berlin, Germany was successful, with 113 attendees and 6 corporate sponsors. The poster sessions were generally well received, after initial scepticism. The session on residential access attracted particular attention. Daniel Pitt has prepared an extensive [report](#).

Interop 97 Engineers Conference on Broadband Access

Dates:

May 7-8, 1997

Location:

Las Vegas, NV

Format:

5 tracks [there was debate whether this is really 5 parallel tracks or 5 sessions], coincides with NetWorld+Interop giant trade show

Papers due:

CFP was October 1, papers are due February 15 due to lack of response

URL:

<http://www.ieee.org/EngineersConf-97.html> [Invalid URL!]

TCCC conference representative:

Joe Bannister

Status:

TCCC-sponsored conference, also sponsored by TC on Cable-Based Delivery and Access Systems, TC on Enterprise Network Operations and Management, TC on Personal Communications, TC on Transmission, Access and Optical Systems.

Since only about 30 papers have been received so far, papers still being considered.

ICC'97

Dates:

June 8-12 1997

Location:

Montreal, Canada

URL:

<http://www.ieee.org/comsoc/ICC-97.html>

Papers due:

September 15, 1996

Notification of acceptance:

Early January 1997

General info:

On the review front, TCCC was assigned 44 papers out of a total of 700 submitted to the conference. Three reviewers per paper were required. About 60 volunteers from TCCC helped in evaluating the papers submitted to the conference. Currently, there are no workshops/tutorials that are sponsored by the TCCC.

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IEEE 12th Annual Workshop on Computer Communications 1997

Dates:

October 20-22, 1997 (likely)

Location:

probably Phoenix, AZ

URL:

under construction at USC/ISI

Technical program chair and TCCC representative:

Joe Bannister

Format:

10 sessions with 5 presentations each

Status:

Session proposals and suggestions for organizers should be sent to Joe Bannister

Milcom'97

Dates:

November 2-5, 1997

Location:

Hyatt Regency Monterey, Monterey, California

URL:

<http://www.milcom97.com>

Abstracts due:

January 17, 1997

Draft papers due:

March 14, 1997

TCCC conference representative:

Nader Mehravari

Nader Mehravari writes:

By the time that I got involved with representing TCCC, the MILCOM people had already decided on a

first draft of the technical program and the session topics. I have volunteered TCCC to organize and chair three unclassified technical sessions and one half-day tutorial. The three technical sessions are: video conferencing, mobile systems, commercial and tactical Internet. The proposed 1/2 day tutorial is on video conferencing technology. I have not yet heard back from the MILCOM program committee as to our proposed involvement. I will contact the TCCC community for volunteers once I hear from the program committee.

Globecom'97

As reported by Subrata Banerjee:

Date:

November 4-8, 1997

Location:

Phoenix, Arizona

Papers due:

March 12, 1997

Notification of acceptance:

July 1, 1997

Camera-ready manuscript due

August 11, 1997

Tutorial/Workshop proposal due:

January 31, 1997

URL:

<http://globecom97.agcs.com/>

Sessions and Tutorials:

These [proposals](#) will be presented during the second (and second-last) Globecom 97 TPC meeting at Globecom'96 on Nov. 20 (Wednesday).

Workshops:

There was much discussion on whether to hold a TCCC workshop (or mini conference) at Globecom'97. See [ICC/Globecom](#) discussion below.

TCCC conference representative:

Subrata Banerjee

LAN/MAN Workshop 1998

To be organized Spring 1998 by Terry Todd (McMaster University) and Malathi Veeraraghavan (Bell Labs).

ICC'98

It has been suggested to hold ICC at separate (but co-located) facilities during those years that it is held in conjunction with Supercomm, e.g., 1998. For example, the technical sessions could be held in the conference hotel rather than the exhibition facilities, making it less likely that conference attendees would get "lost" amid the masses of Supercomm trade-show visitors as well as making it easier to find meeting rooms. A straw poll yielded 6 opposed to separation, 16 suggesting a complete separation (although it was not quite clear whether this number included those satisfied with separate, co-located facilities) and 19 separate and co-located facilities.

Location:

Atlanta, GA

Date:

May 17-21, 1996

URL:

<http://www.ee.gatech.edu/conferences/icc98>

Paper submission deadline:

August 15, 1997

Notification of acceptance:

December 1, 1997.

Camera-ready copies due:

February 1, 1997

TCCC conference rep:

Bo Li (did not attend), substitute Lawrence Kwan Yeung did not attend TCCC;

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Computer Communications Workshop

John Daigle tentatively volunteered to organize the workshop in Oxford, TN, near Memphis in September or October of 1998.

Globecom'98

Location:

Sydney, Australia

Date:

Early November

URL:

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~globecom/>

General info:

The Globecom 98 program committee will not be meeting at Globecom 1996 in London. The next meetings will be held at the next ICC and the next INFOCOM.

TCCC conference reps:

Srini Tridandapani

Frequent Conference Attendee Program

Mark Karol presented a proposal currently being discussed by the Board of Governors. Under that proposal, ComSoc members would receive a discount (say, \$25) on their ComSoc [and IEEE?] membership dues for each conference attended in the past year. This is motivated by the fact that currently, dues are often paid directly by members, while the benefits of reduced conference fees accrue to the members' employers. There was general agreement with the proposal, with questions about amounts and which conferences would count. If adopted, it could be tried out as soon as Infocom'97. Extensions to journal subscriptions are being discussed.

ICC and Globecom Reorganization

The Strategic Planning Committee has proposed that ICC and Globecom evolve to a "mall of mini-conferences" model, where these conferences would consist of 6-8 mini-conferences instead of the current number of parallel tracks. This is also known as the "federated model" for these conferences. Each such mini-conference would follow the current model of the Communications Theory and Global Internet mini-conferences, with their own TPCs and chairs, but with a common conference infrastructure. These proposals were presented by Mark Karol and then debated at length by the

TCCC.

Concerns and issues raised:

- The name "mall of mini-conferences" was generally disliked, on count of both terms.
- The current pricing scheme for mini-conferences was considered too expensive and unfair, since attendees end up paying twice for the same conference time. It was suggested to simply have an overall conference fee that would also cover the mini-conferences.
- The transition from the current model to a fully federated model seemed less than clear, with support from the GICB (Globecom and ICC Conference Board) not assured. There was a general sentiment that just adding mini-conferences and leaving Globecom and ICC at their current size is not desirable, as there is already a concern with the quality of papers presented. There was little desire to add to the perceived glut of conferences.
- The proceedings of the mini-conferences of Globecom and ICC should be integrated into the main proceedings, both paper and CD ROM, to make them more accessible to non-attendees. It was noted that the current mini-conference proceedings are not easily located after the conference.
- Globecom'96 and Global Internet'96 were considered by many to be far too expensive.

19 attendees voted to support a federated model that closely controls the quantity (and, thus, quality) of papers presented at Globecom and ICC. There were no opposing votes and a number of silent abstentions.

Other Business

John Daigle, the new IEEE Network magazine editor-in-chief, solicited papers for the magazine.

Attendance

Ian F. Akyildiz
Ender Ayanoglu
Subrata Banerjee
H. Jonathan Chao
Kwang-Cheng Chen
John Daigle
Celia Desmond
Patrick Dowd
Kai Eng
Nelson Fonseca
Harvey Freeman
Marlo Gerla
Toshiharu Hasegawa
Apostolos Kakaes
Mark Karol
Jim Kurose
Byeong Gi Lee
Guven Mercankosk
Paolo Oberto
Yuji Oie
Guy Omidyar
Ramesh Rao
Bill Robinson
Harry Rudin
Henning Schulzrinne
Kazem Sohraby
Saragur Srinidhi

Ioannis Stavrakakis
Tatsuya Suda
Tetsuya Takine
Steve Weinstein
Martina Zitterbart

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