

TCCC Meeting Minutes - INFOCOM 2000

The TCCC met at INFOCOM 2000 in Tel Aviv, on Wednesday, March 29th, from 6.15 to 7.15 pm. Approximately 40 attended, with the chair (H. Schulzrinne) representing the TCCC officers.

The audience was asked for suggestions for future Infocom conferences. Several people would prefer that each paper had more time (durations of 25 to 30 minutes per paper were mentioned), particularly for questions. Given the fixed three-day time frame for Infocom, there are only a few viable solutions, including reducing the number of papers accepted (with the possible increase in the effect of reviewing noise), increasing the number of parallel sessions from five to six or moving some papers to poster sessions. Other suggestions included increased use of the web, for example for submitting questions to authors ahead of the conference.

Mark Karol provided background on the TCCC Communications Workshop, taking place in South Seas Resort, Captiva Island, Florida October 15-18, 2000 (<http://purros.poly.edu/~tmoors/cw/>). Suggestions for sessions are welcome.

Ian Akyildiz announced the MMT workshop at Duck Key, Florida from December 3 to 6, 2000. The workshop will attempt to bring together researchers working on physical-layer topics with those interested in higher layers.

Jorg Liebeherr solicited special topics and tutorial papers for the IEEE Network Magazine.

A lengthy discussion about the state of ICC and Globecom ensued. Harvey Freeman pointed out that the old GICB board had been disbanded, to be replaced by a new board with a different membership. Both conferences suffer from a lack of continuity from year to year, with this year's ICC experiencing serious lapses of standard review procedure. Some in the audience had submitted papers to ICC, but have yet to hear whether they were accepted or not. Brett Vickers, our conference representative, tried to do as good a job as was possible under the circumstances.

It was suggested that TCCC could help with quality control for conferences and workshops. A volunteer (Maria Papadopouli, Columbia U.) has been identified to keep a list of TCCC-relevant conferences and workshops. Particularly for TCCC-sponsored events, we will gather information on size, review process and acceptance ratios. If a conference desires sponsorship by the TCCC, it will have to provide these numbers. (Unfortunately, this does not help much for established conferences like ICC and Globecom.)

TCCC will also attempt to update its somewhat stale web site. Suggestions are appreciated.

Minutes prepared by Henning Schulzrinne