

**IEEE Communications Society
Communication Software Technical Committee (TCCS)**

Meeting Minutes held during ICC'2008, Beijing, China.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 12:30-14h00, Hotel Crown Plaza Park View Wizhou Beijing, China

Chaired by Algirdas Pakstas.

Minutes by Abdelhamid Mellouk.

1. The Chair shortly introduced the agenda of the meeting, which was amended by the participants about the election of new officers of TCCS.

2. Welcome/Introductions: The Chair welcomed the attendees and they shortly introduced themselves to the others. A total of 17 members attended the TCCOMMSOFT meeting. The list of the TC members is enclosed at the end of the minutes.

3. Election of the officers of TCCS.

A long discussion took place concerning the renewal of the TCCS officers. The situation is as follows, the actual chair was elected at ICC' 04. According to the P&P policy, we should renew the officers (the term of a mandatory is 2 years). Due the fact that an AHNC was not published sufficiently since last meeting, decisions taken by the members of the committee in respect with the P&P policy are the following:

1. Nomination of the «Ad Hoc Nomination Committee» (AHNC) for the election of a new set of the TC CommSoft officers. According to the participants of the meeting, the members are the following:

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Members of AHNC are mandatory to collect candidatures with liaison with the actual chair and vice-chair of TCCS (Chair: Algirdas Pakstas, Vice-Chair: Pascal Lorenz).

All the position of the TCCS officers are open.

According to the P&P, members of the AHNC could not be candidate.

2. Participants have opted with a “physical” election during GlobeCom’08 which will be held in New Orleans, USA, 30/11/2008-4/12/2008.

4. Approval of Minutes of the last TC meeting held during GlobeCom’2007, Washington D.C., USA, November 2008, 2007 with a correction including the point 3 of these minutes.

The approved minutes should be published at the TC-COMMSOFT web site (duty of the TCCS Secretary).

5. TAC Report: Pakstas presented the TAC report

- WCET Certification (Celia Desmond)
- GITC (Heiner Stuttgen)
 - List of «standard» Symposia in GC/ICC
- Conference Operations (Merilly Hartmann, Fred Bauer)

- TC Cluster role
- Coordination with TCs
- Sister Societies involvement (approval via Sister & Related Societies Director)
- Automation of the Conference applications by the TC Clusters (Web-based system instead of current e-mails)
- Statistics of conference sponsorships (ca. 20 financially and ca. 50 technically)
- Standards (Alex Gelman)
 - ComSoc is underrepresented in the core areas – Computer Society is very active
 - Any member may put in standard proposal
 - Discussion of the proposal to introduce compulsory standardization activity in the TCs and motion about it (create a position in TC such as liaison, possible subcommittee composed of 3-9 people which P&P must be approved by IEEE-SA AudCom)
 - Follow-up to the Kaleidoscope-08 conference and future collaboration with ITU-T (Alex Gelman)
- New TC on Cognitive Networks
- New Healthcare sub-committee
- From IEEE TAB (Roberto de Marco)
 - IEEE Industry tags.

6. Change of the TC Charter

Pakstas presented a mention:

To change a name of the TC from

Communications Software

to

Communications Software Engineering

Background:

1. Nature of the TC business was evolving from the previous generic definition towards more specific and narrowed area;
2. Change of name was discussed a few times informally as well as at the TC meetings (starting from ICC in Vancouver);
3. Policies and Procedures for TC were approved at the meeting at ICC 2007 in Glasgow with new name. The new charter is as follows:

CHARTER

The Technical Committee on Communications Software Engineering (TC-COMMSOFT) examines methods and techniques devoted to advancement of the formal methods and tools, use of system analysis and design, methodology for development of communications protocols as well as application of general Software Engineering approaches for the purpose of development of communications applications. The issues addressed by the TC-COMMSOFT include domain-specific languages and practices of using them. Developing of "middleware" between networks and applications and the usefulness and usability of it is also a topic.

7. Conference, Symposia and Workshop Reports (typically current TC involvements, future plans and names of the TC Reps)

- ICC/Globecom conferences (mostly Symposium on Communications Software and Services):
 - ICC'08, Beijing, China, May 19-23, 2008 (Pascal Lorenz)
 - Globecom'08, New Orleans, USA, Nov. 30-Dec. 04, 2008 (Pascal Lorenz)

- ICC'09, Dresden, Germany, June 14-19, 2009 (Pascal Lorenz)
- Globecom'09, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, Nov. 30-Dec. 04, 2009 (Pascal Lorenz)
- ICC'10, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2010
- Other/Joint conferences

A number of conferences were endorsed – involvement very much depends on the individual TC members Report on Conference on Software, Telecommunications and Computer Networks

- SoftCOM'2008, SoftCOM Conference has been technically co-sponsored by TCCOMMSOFT and ComSoc since 1998. SoftCOM 2008 will be held in Split and Dubrovnik, Sept. 25-27, 2008.
- 1st Workshop on Medical Applications Networking – MAN2009 (Joel Rordigues, Pascal Lorenz and Tsong-Ho Wu) which will be held in ICC'09.

8. Publications

- SI for Springer/Annals of Telecommunication (Abdelhamid Mellouk)
- «Journal of Software and Systems, CCIS» (Nikola Rozic)
- FT for IEEE CommMag (Algirdas Pakstas)

9. Emerging IEEE ComSoc «standardizations» activities

Hamid Nafaa in liaison with Abdelhamid Mellouk were nominated as TCCS standardizations officers.

10. TC Meeting adjourned at 14h15.

11. List of Attendees appears on the next page.


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