

Minutes of the DISPS Committee meeting on October 18, 1995 at the Righa Royal Hotel, Sakai, Osaka, Japan.

Members Present: Keshab Parhi, Ed Deprettere, Robert Owen, Ichiro Kuroda, S.Y. Kung, Teresa Meng, Takao Nishitani, Jan Rabaey

Visitors Present: Johannes Kneip, Lee-sup Kim, Mohammed Ibrahim

Due to the below-quota attendance of committee members, this meeting was designated an informal gathering rather than a formal meeting.

ITEMS

1. On behalf of members present and those who attended the 1995 IEEE workshop on VLSI Signal Processing, Jan Rabaey congratulated Takao Nishitani with the excellent organization and running of the workshop.

There have been 118 registrations - 97 pre and 21 on site. The number of attendees was 113 with a geographical distribution as follows

Japan 75 USA 13 Korea 11 Europe 9 Taiwan 4 Hongkong 1

Break-even point was 90. Extra Proceedings can be ordered via NEC Japan.

2. After workshop questions and suggestions:
 - o should the program include a social event? answer: social program is important but is already a kind of a tradition (performance, wine tasting ...) next year's workshop will also provide a social event.
 - o do we prefer a panel discussion or working groups? both have pros and cons. working groups: people have to participate; may be a good experience for newcomers. panel: has also kind of giving an overview task; newcomers may also benefit from it.
 - o workshop should go system level and have a system level education task; are universities stuck at subsystem or circuit level?
 - o most pre-poster 5 min. presentation were good and stayed within the time given. should try to keep it that way.
 - o participation from industry was substantial. should try hard to let this be the case outside Asia as well.
3. Workshop 96: Teresa Meng. Konstantinos Konstantinides. Wayne Burlison.
 - o will be held October 30 - November 1, 1996, Miyako Hotel, San Francisco, CA
 - o Workshop Theme: Wireless Communications
 - o social event: boat ride on bay
4. Workshop 97: Mohammed Ibrahim
 - o will be held somewhere in Great Britain.
 - o date options: in October (as is a tradition) in December, parallel with DSP-UK in December, back-to-back with DSP-UK

After some discussion, the general feeling was that the parallel option is not desirable and that December might not be a good time, anyway. Point is still open.

5. There is still the question whether the VLSI SP committee should talk to the CAS technical committee about having a single joint Workshop (rather than two - as this might become the case). 10 of the VLSI

SP technical committee members are members of the CAS technical committee as well. On the other hand, the two committees may diverge in the future (we go system level). Nevertheless, there is substantial overlap as well. Discussion is open. Whatever outcome: 96 workshop is too close for a merge.

6. ICASSP'96
 - o 82 papers were submitted, 47 of which have been accepted.
7. IEEE VLSI Systems Journal.
 - o although sponsored by CAS and COMPUTER societies, we could or should also publish in it. We might think about co-sponsorship. Discussion open.
8. Solid State conference/journal
 - o Will most probably go under umbrella of own society. Council is still in meeting. So there is no reason to pursue cooperation issue. We will have to see what happens.
9. World Wide Web.
 - o You have software you want to share, let us know! send 'advertisement' to vspforum@walhalla.eecs.berkeley.edu