

Minutes of the Multimedia Signal Processing Technical Committee Meeting
ICME 2010, Singapore
Wednesday, July 21, 2010

- Attendees
 - Voting Members: YK Chen, Touradj Ebrahimi, Eckehard Steinbach, Phil Chou, Chia-Wen Lin, Jiebo Luo, Jian Zhang, Ebroul Izquierdo, Yap-Peng Tan (9 total, no quorum)
 - Associate Members: Dinei Florencio, Zhengyou Zhang
 - Guests: Ching-Yung Lin
 - Phone: Anthony Vetro, John Apostolopoulos, Homer Chen (attempted, but connection not successful)

- The meeting was brought to order at 12:15.
- Report from the Chair (Phil)
 - Phil conveyed feedback from our tri-annual review, held at ICASSP 2010. The TDB review committee suggested improving gender and regional diversity, improving quorum at meetings, and considering enlarging the scope and name of the TC to formalize its role as an incubator for new areas.
 - Phil conveyed information from TDB and CB meetings at ICASSP 2010. The TC needs to update its bylaws this year (Phil will take the lead). ..
 - Phil reminded us that the election for Vice-Chair is coming up right after MMSP 2010, and that we should consider either nominating a candidate or running personally.
- Committee Reports
 - Awards Subcommittee (Phil, for Onur)
 - For the Paper Awards, there are 2 Best Paper and 1 SP Magazine nominations. Votes are due August 5. For the Major Awards, nominations are due July 29.
 - Conference & Workshop Subcommittee (Chia-Wen)
 - ICME 2010. 675 papers submitted (627 regular + 48 special session), 85 accepted as lectures (18 sessions), 97 as posters (9 sessions), 36 as special session lectures (8 sessions). Tutorial attendance was good. See also Yap-Peng's report.
 - ICME 2011, 2012. Proposals have been received and will be voted upon by the ICME Steering Committee at their meeting tomorrow.
 - MMSP 2010. See also Eckehard's report.
 - MMSP 2011. Had three proposals, selected HangZhou proposal. See also Zhengyou's report.
 - Membership Subcommittee (Phil and Touradj)
 - Main areas of discussion have been technical balance of the membership by expertise (by EDICS), and plan to go from 4 to 3 year terms. Gender and regional balance will be considered.
 - The members discussed the technical balance. Generally the graphs show that the areas of expertise of our members match current rates of multimedia-related submissions at ICASSP, ICME, and MMSP. In this sense our recruitment efforts last year have been successful. However there may be a desire to grow certain areas, such as quality assessment, haptics, and virtual reality. MMSP could be a time to recruit people in these areas (e.g., MMSP 2010, with its theme on virtual reality) over the long run; however the nomination deadline is before MMSP.
 - The plan for reducing terms from 4 to 3 years may cause a transitional spike in TC membership. The spike can be avoided at the cost of fewer new members this year.

The exact transition plan will be determined by the membership subcommittee after seeing how many candidates there are, but before the election.

- ICME Steering Committee (Eckehard)
 - There will be a meeting tomorrow and a vote on ICME 2011/2012. The SC wants to observe ICME 2010 and see whether the quality reset is working. The goal is to determine the ICME location 3-4 years out, in steady state.
 - The members discussed how to get our feedback to the SC on ICME. Currently there are two ways: through our representatives on the SC (Jiebo and Eckehard) and our representative on the OC (Zhengyou for 2010). However, perhaps we want a more direct role. There should be a body that considers scientific content, e.g., considers where the field is going and whether to emphasize or de-emphasize certain technical directions at the conference. Our representatives cannot be expert in all the relevant areas, which is why a larger body such as the TC may have to provide such deliberations. It is recognized, however, that this is more difficult with four societies involved. However, perhaps someone has to take the lead, even to provoke. It is also recognized that Conferences, unlike Workshops, need to cover all relevant areas and it may not be possible to provide a theme. However, the selection of keynote speakers is a way to provide a theme, to indicate promising technical directions. The TC may want to play a more direct role in suggesting keynote speakers.
- TMM Steering Committee (Phil)
 - There are 8 voting members: TC Chair and VP-Publications (or their representative) from each of the four societies. Phil and Anthony (for Ali Sayed) are the voting members from SPS. There has been no chair for 2.5 years, but the Computer Society is now appointing a chair whose term will be good for 3.5 years. Farshad Fotouhi is the acting chair, who must be formally approved by the CS board.
 - Mihaela van der Schaar is the new EIC, with term beginning Jan 1, for three years, replacing Sheila Hemami.
 - The Prize Paper Award was announced yesterday.
- ICME 2010 (Yap-Peng)
 - Financially, we are doing fine because of local sponsorship and industry support, with 40% of total revenue coming from sponsorships (\$40K from Singapore). The 20% surplus requirement will be met. There were 284 advance (plus 17 on-site) full registrations and 30 advance (plus 8 on-site) student registrations. There were 99 workshop registrants (about 50 of these overlapping with conference registrations). There are probably some areas for improvement in future years, such as integrating the workshops more fully into the conference.
- MMSP 2010 (Eckehard)
 - The Program is ready; looking forward to a successful workshop.
- MMSP 2011 (Zhengyou)
 - Have contracted with the Zhejiang Narada Grande Hotel as the conference hotel, adjacent to major tourist attractions and shopping malls in Hangzhou, 35 km from Hangzhou airport.
 - Budgeted income is US\$75,500 (140 attendees: 70 advance member @ \$550, 5 regular member \$650, 20 advance nonmember @ \$650, 5 regular nonmember @ \$800, 15 advance student @ \$400, 5 regular student @ \$550, + \$8K financial sponsorship). Budgeted expense is \$61,400, for a projected surplus of 20.3%.
 - Reviewers will include the Technical Program Chairs, the Technical Program Committee (all the members of the MMSP TC), and additional Reviewers.
 - The Top 10% Award will be continued.

- AOB
 - Yap-Peng brought up the question of the Technical Program Co-Chair for ICME 2011. It was agreed that the Chair should appoint a Technical Program Co-Chair from the MMSP TC as soon as possible, to make sure the ICME 2011 Organizing Committee gets off to a fast start. Ebroul Izquierdo volunteered for the position. Phil will confirm that he can make the appointment.
 - Ching-Yung reported that he, John Apostolopoulos and several others are spearheading an effort to establish a more industry-friendly signal processing conference, possibly to be held annually in conjunction with CES (similar to ComSoc's CCNC), probably starting in 2012. The format is being established. Please send email to chingyung@us.ibm.com if you have an idea.
 - Phil brought up the question of whether we should consolidate our meetings (currently at ICASSP, ICME, and MMSP) into two meetings or a single annual meeting. Although there was some support for a single annual meeting, there was also support for continuing to hold three meetings because it may be difficult to attend particular meeting, meetings are good for information exchange, and issues requiring a quorum are best dealt with by email to ensure full participation of the TC.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.