

Minutes of the Multimedia Signal Processing Technical Committee Meeting
MMSP 2010, St. Malo
Monday, October 4, 2010

- Attendees
 - Voting Members: John Apostolopoulos, YK Chen (Skype), Touradj Ebrahimi, Carlo Regazzoni (Skype), Eckehard Steinbach, Philip A. Chou, Chia-Wen Lin, Marco Tagliasacchi, Homer Chen (Skype), Erico Magli, Nicu Sebe (Skype), Yap-Peng Tan (Skype) – 12 total (1 short of quorum)
 - Associate Members: Dinei Florencio (Skype), Christine Guillemot
 - Guests: Ton Kalker
- The meeting was brought to order at 5:20 pm.
- Report from the Chair (Phil)
 - Phil covered the draft TC Bylaws and Policies and Procedures (P&P). The objective of the draft is to bring the TC Bylaws and P&P into conformance with the new SPS Bylaws and P&P, while keeping as many elements of the previous TC Bylaws and P&P as possible, with few exceptions. The exceptions include:
 - Draft TC Bylaws Article 5 (Amendment) now specifies approval by the VP-Technical Directions, rather than the SPS BoG, is necessary for approval of amendments to the Bylaws. Phil found out that approval of the BoG was not necessary.
 - Draft Procedure for technical co-sponsorship of a workshop now includes the requirement that at least three members of the TC must be on the workshop's organizing committee. This is a requirement by VP-Conferences, this year.
 - Draft Procedure now includes a requirement that the Nominations subcommittee process the election of two representatives to the IEEE Steering Committee, and one Technical Program Co-Chair to each ICME Organizing Committee. This is a requirement by the ICME Steering Committee.
 - Draft Policy now specifies a maximum of 32 members, increased from 30 members, on the recommendation of the Membership subcommittee, to handle the increase subcommittee load imposed by the new SPS P&P.
 - Draft Policy on new Associate Members now includes appointing the EIC of TMM, the two representatives to the ICME Steering Committee, the General Chairs of the MMSP workshops in the immediate previous and all future years.
 - Draft P&P now specifies the creation and mandate of the Technical Directions subcommittee.
 - Draft Procedure now states the member election procedure adopted last year.
 - Draft P&P now requires the Nominations subcommittee to process elections for ICME Steering Committee representative, and for Technical Program Co-Chair for each ICME Organizing Committee.
 - The intention is to vote on the draft TC Bylaws and P&P by email. The draft TC Bylaws will require 2/3 approval of all voting members; the draft TC P&P will require majority vote of same. All 12 voting members at the meeting indicated willingness to vote for the draft TC Bylaws and P&P.
- Committee Reports
 - Awards Subcommittee (Phil, for Onur)
 - The SP Magazine Best Paper nomination was endorsed by the TC. The two Best Paper nominations tied in every respect (preference and approval) with a substantial

fraction of the TC voting, so both papers were forwarded to the SPS Awards Board. The Education nomination was endorsed by the TC, in combination with the SPED TC. All nominations were forwarded to the SPS Awards Board. Thanks to everyone who voted and nominated.

- Conference & Workshop Subcommittee (Chia-Wen)
 - ICME 2010. Surplus was about 30%. There were 283 conference and 105 workshop participants. A special issue has been approved for TMM. The team of GEs for the issue include the 2 general chairs and 6 TPC chairs. 70+ people confirmed they will be submitting to the special issue.
 - ICME 2011 will be held July 11-15 in Barcelona. The web site is currently open. They will be using the Microsoft system (same as 2010).
 - ICME 201 will be held in Melbourne, Australia. Jian Zhang, Dan Schonfeld, and David Feng are Chairs.
 - MMSP 2010 will be reported on by Christine.
 - MMSP 2011. See written report.
 - MMSP 2012. One proposal was received. Ton will present. Following the meeting, there will be an email vote: yes/no for the proposal, Vancouver vs non-Vancouver for the location, and rank within non-Vancouver.
- Membership Subcommittee (Marco)
 - Need to manage the transition from 4 to 3 year terms.
 - The Subcommittee suggests a schedule of electing 7, 8, 9, 12, and 10 members in each of the next few years, reaching 30 members per year in steady state by 2017. There may be up to 32 voting members in the interim.
 - We have received a total of 18 nominations (just 1 in the last week).
 - Member voting dates: Ballots sent 11 October. Votes due 1 November, for 7 slots.
 - Voting procedure is the same as last year, with the added provision that ties in both preference and approval will be broken by the TC Chair.
 - Vice-chair voting dates: Call for nominations sent last week, nominations due by 15 October, ballots sent by 22 October, votes due by 5 November.
 - The vote for ICME SC and TC Co-Chair will occur by the end of year, probably at the same time as the Vice-Chair vote.
- Technical Directions Subcommittee (Eckehard)
 - Alle-Jan van der Veen, ICASSP 2011 Technical Program Chair, has asked each TC to run a 30-minute panel discussion on the most significant advances and trends with the TC area over the past year. Though Francesco and members of the TD Subcommittee may be the panelists, this will be a whole-TC effort.
- ICME Steering Committee (Phil)
 - Phil went through the report.
 - Chia-Wen and Yap-Peng reported that Lisa S. said that results of the survey compared favorably to other SPS workshops and conferences. The survey was the standard template for SPS conferences, plus some changes to include questions about the new format, blind and double blind reviewing, etc.
- TMM Steering Committee (Phil)
 - Phil went through the report.
- MMSP 2010 (Christine)
 - There were 168 submitted papers and 93 accepted papers.
 - Thanks to Eckehard for review.

- There were 133 pre-registered participants, plus several more on site, for about 140 total registrants.
- Budget. Expenses are about 45-46 KEuros. Surplus is about 9-10 KEuros. Will be consolidated with new registration numbers and a few new expenses.
- Touradj asked whether there was a mistake in the number of submitted papers, seeing nothing from Switzerland, but knowing of at least five submissions from Switzerland.
- MMSP 2012 (Ton)
 - Rabab will be general chair, Ton is a technical co-chair. Others include Vicky, Yan, Li, Jane, ... Team is experienced.
 - Theme is media-sharing social networks.
 - Ton covered schedule, locations + budgets, dates.
 - OC prefers Vancouver, but can also run a good workshop in Whistler, Harrison Hot Springs, or Banff. The OC has no preference among the non-Vancouver sites.
 - Chia-Wen summarized earlier comments by members of the Conference & Workshop subcommittee: Some members feel Vancouver is too close to Victoria (site of MMSP 2006) and/or too large. Many members had a preference for Banff, and a secondary preference for Whistler.
 - The members in the room agreed that Chia-Wen should conduct a vote among the TC, in a single ballot determining: 1) preference for Vancouver or non-Vancouver, and 2) preference among the non-Vancouver sites. The vote will be conducted in a matter of weeks.
 - Phil expressed concern over the parallel oral sessions in the proposal. Suggests only a single track.
 - Enrico suggested that the dates of the workshop should avoid the 2012 European Signal Processing conference the last week of August in Romania. Chia-Wen suggested also avoiding ICIP 2012 held in late September.
 - Eckehard asked whether there should be a diversity of regional representation on the OC. Phil suggested regional liaisons might satisfy that concern.
- AOB
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.