

Minutes of the Multimedia Signal Processing Technical Committee Meeting
ICASSP 2011, Prague
Friday, May 27, 2011

- Meeting brought to order at 12:00
- Attendees:
 - Voting: Phil Chou, Vicky Zhao, Onur Guleryuz, Oscar Au, Carlo Regazzoni, Eckehard Steinbach, Enrico Magli, Nicu Sebe (teleconf), Feng Wu (teleconf), YK Chen (teleconf)
 - Associates: Beatrice Pesquet-Popescu, Anthony Vetro (teleconf)
 - Affiliates: Lukas Krasula (student)
 - Alumni/Guests: Yun He, Sanghoon Lee, SY Kung
- Review agenda:
 - Added discussion of IEEE Standards Activity on 3D quality
 - Added discussion of items from Technical Directions Board
- Report of the chair:
 - New Bylaws, Policies & Procedures
 - Associate and Affiliate members
 - Subcommittees Re-established
 - TC Annual Report
- Reports of subcommittees:
 - Awards. Onur reported that we'll be using the same timeline as last year. We have had 23 votes for DL, and we expect to nominate at least one DL.
 - Conferences and Workshops
 - ICME 2010. Oscar reported that about 700 papers were submitted, about 250 accepted. In past ICMEs, many people registered and then did not stay for the technical talks. ICME 2010 did not experience that behavior. 33% surplus.
 - MMSP 2010. Beatrice reported that there were 140 attendees. The books will be closed soon.
 - MMSP 2013. Phil reported that the Call for Proposals for MMSP 2013 has been sent out.
 - Reports from other conferences and workshops were deferred until after the subcommittee reports.
 - Membership. Phil reported that a Call for Nominations for new members will be sent out in July, and nominations will be due two weeks before MMSP 2011. Please recruit new members.
 - Technical Directions. Francesco reported that the subcommittee prepared the MMSP trends panel discussion for ICASSP, and is preparing the associated column for SP Magazine. In addition the subcommittee has been discussing ways to promote MMSP, update the EDICS, scouting new fields, etc. All of these are under discussion and open to new ideas to increase the participation in MMSP.
 - Webmaster: Phil reported that Jeffrey and Dan have done a good job keeping the web site up to date.
 - Industry. YK reported that he has made initial contact with the Membership Board and with the Industry DSP Standing Committee. Onur reported that he attended the Industry DSP Standing Committee meeting on behalf of YK. The most important news is that there will be a new industry-oriented conference in 2012, ESPA, immediately following CES, which will have tracks not requiring papers. There is a call for papers.

- Education/Student. Phil reported that Fernando is the chair of the Education subcommittee, and is also the "faculty advisor" of the new Student subcommittee. All Student Affiliate members have been appointed to the Student subcommittee this year. As of yet, no Chair has been appointed, but one will be appointed soon. Carlo and Beatrice announced that travel grants provided by IEEE SPS for students have been announced for ICIP2011 (dead-line June 1st). The awards Chairs (Pascal Frossard and Beatrice Pesquet-Popescu) will help SPS in selecting the PhD students for these grants, with priority given to students having a genuine need for support, and finalists of the Best Student Paper award.
- Newsletter: Vicky reported that the newsletter can contain reviews of books or key papers, tutorials, etc. As a start, she contacted six people. Four have agreed to contribute articles. Two things would like to get help on from TC members: 1) finding a better way to keep the pipeline filled, and 2) ensuring the quality of the articles published. There was discussion about making issues topical and assigning people to be in charge of that topic. There was appreciation for the quality of the ComSoc MMTC E-letter and R-letter. There was the suggestion of using the newsletter to communicate the exciting things happening at our workshops. There was a suggestion to sync with the TMM.
- ICIP Area Chair. Phil reported that IVMSPP is seeking to pass a proposal to standardize the ICIP review process across ICIPs, making the ICIP review process more similar to the ICASSP review process. The TC Chair would identify potential ICIP Areas Chairs. In anticipation of this, Phil appointed Oliver Wu and Oliver has been working with the ICIP 2011 OC. Beatrice and Carlo gave further details on the proposal.
- Regional Representatives. Carlo reported that he is one of the Regional Directors and will be at the BOG meeting. He has been working with chapter chairs of the regions. The Regional Directors are seeking a new mechanism to connect regionally. Towards this end, the Conference Board has approved the first regional conference, in Bangalore. There are also initiatives to improve travel grants. The regional directors are discussing changing the bylaws so they can have more impact. They are interested in collecting experience in different regions. Carlo will work with the regional representatives in the MMSP TC to help them determine their mission.
- ICME Steering Committee. Yap-Peng reported that several proposals for ICME 2013/2014 are anticipated, and he will share the proposals with the TC when he receives them. Yap-Peng also brought up point that in the future, appointments of representatives to the ICME Steering Committee must be made by the President of the Society and hence cannot be elected by the TC. Phil responded that we have already encoded this in the TC bylaws: "The Nominations Subcommittee shall conduct the balloting and announce the top two (most preferred) candidates who are also approved by a majority of voting members of the TC. The TC Chair shall recommend these top two candidates to the President."
- TMM Steering Committee. Phil reported that Mihaela van der Schaar is the new EIC and has been hard at work recruiting special issue. A first special issue on Smart, Social, and Converged TV was approved by the SC. The Best Paper Award has been decided and will be announced at ICME 2011. The Special Issue for ICME 2010 has appeared in the TMM. The ICME 2011 OC has submitted a proposal for a Special Issue and it is being reviewed by the SC. The next SC meeting will be held at ICME.
- Future Meetings
 - ICME 2011, Barcelona. There was no report, but some discussion of the charter requirement for up to the top 15% to be oral presentations and the next 15% to be poster presentations. There will be only 8% oral presentations at ICME 2011. The overall acceptance rate is still 30%.

- ICME 2012, Melbourne. Enrico reported that the preliminary CFP has been completed. Web page to open soon. Starting to organize. Venue contract is to be signed by SPS.
- MMSP 2011, Hangzhou. Anthony reported that there were 170 submissions including 16 from TC members. The deadline was extended twice. Paper review is under way. The budget is still based on 120 attendees but a second budget has been worked out in case fewer papers are accepted in the review process. Three keynotes are confirmed; two of three overview speakers are confirmed. They are working with the IEEE on registration and publications. Beatrice would like to hear feedback on the COS system.
- MMSP 2012, Banff. Vicky reported that the rate has been confirmed with the conference venue. They are looking at social events. They have an updated budget and are working with the IEEE for approval. Will soon be looking for sponsors, etc.
- AOB:
 - IEEE-SA. Sanghoon Lee reported that a new standardization activity on 3D quality assessment is being launched by the IEEE. Initially it is only for "entities" such as companies but later it will be opened up to individual participation. Sanghoon will send further information to the Chair, who will distribute to the TC.
 - SPS Cup. Phil reported that the Technical Directions Board is trying to establish an SPS Cup and wants feedback on the idea, particularly whether there should be a single cup for SPS or multiple cups, up to one per TC. YK supports the idea of the SPS cup to compete on one subject per year (like KDD), e.g., this year could be face recognition, next year could be speech recognition, ... Francesco suggests on the other hand there could be the same topic year after year, just changing data sets and objectives. Onur suggests a Netflix-style competition for papers, for a system that would recommend papers to like-minded readers. SY recommended for any competition to have objective ground truth and objective evaluation process. Phil pointed out alternative models in computer programming competitions, which are judged.
 - New Directions. Phil reported that the TDB is considering a new TC in Signal and Information Processing in Energy Systems, and there was a discussion in the TDB about how to grow into new areas (new TCs or first within a TC). There was discussion about how the MMSP TC can grow or help grow. SY suggested social networking. Carlo suggested "Interaction" as a more general term. Vicky will look into how to get SP in social networking to identify more with the MMSP TC.
- Adjourned at 13:30.