

IEEE Signal Processing Society
Sensor Array and Multichannel (SAM) Technical Committee
Minutes of the ICASSP'10 Meeting
Dallas, Texas; Thursday, 18 March 2010; 12:00-13:30, Location: Majestic #6

Present TC members: Bell (chair), Viberg (vice-chair), Besson, Chen, Dogandzic, Ho, Hua, Koivunen, Larsson, Rao, Sadler, Shahbazpanahi, Swami, Swindlehurst, Tabrikian, Willett, Zoubir
Present associate members: Doug Couchran, Martin Haardt
Other guests: Yonina Eldar (CAMSAP 09), Geert Leeus and Anna Scaglione (CAMSAP 2011)

§1. New TC members were welcomed with a short introduction.

§2. Report from the Chair:

- 2.1. Results of 2009 SAM TC Review by SPS – A few issues were raised concerning overlap with other TCs and outreach to industrial members. This has been taken into account in the new subcommittees.
- 2.2. Impact of new SPS Policies & Procedure – The implications for SAM is minor. The new policy is largely similar to our old. A few issues:
 - 2.2.1. TC size – We are allowed to go up in numbers. Three new members were elected in 2010. We are aiming at 30 + 3 members + current/vice/past chair.
 - 2.2.2. Committees – SAM TC will use subcommittees to a greater extent as of 2010. The TC members have already been assigned duties.
 - 2.2.3. Associate/Affiliate Members – This helps reducing the ICASSP reviewing load. “Affiliate” is a new member category. Anyone can sign up for this – not many did so far. This is mostly for information, but the can also nominate members etc.
- 2.3. Awards, Distinguished Lecturers, Fellow: The Chair informed about the new recipients on awards, DL and Fellows from SAM. The result is a great improvement compared to last year.

§3. Workshops:

- 3.1. CAMSAP 09: Eldar informed about the CAMSAP workshop, which was very successful. The report is attached.
- 3.2. CAMSAP 2011: The SAM TC has received two proposals to host the CAMSAP 2011 workshop. The two were presented at the meeting in a random order. Both proposals have been circulated to the TC members.
 - 3.2.1. CAMSAP 2011 proposal in Cartagena, Columbia. Chairs: Xiaoli Ma and Geert Leeus. Presented by Leeus and Anna Scaglione.
 - 3.2.2. CAMSAP 2011 proposal in San Juan, Puerto Rico (US). Chairs: Aleksandar Dogandzic and Maria Sabrina Greco. Presented by Dogandzic.
 - 3.2.3. Discussion (persons involved in either of the proposal left the room)
 - Cartagena: General pricing low. Good support from local arrangers. Safety (as in any larger US city according to Trip Advisor), Visa requirements (to be checked).
 - San Juan: Fees similar to Cartagena (550 USD), slightly higher hotel price (cheaper hotels available). No local people currently involved.
 - Both teams highly competent. Similar and good proposals. Selection based mostly on location.

- 3.3. SAM 2010: Joseph Tabrikian gave a short update on the progress of the SAM 2010 workshop, which will be in Israel. The report is attached. All is according to plans.

§4 Discussion topics

- 4.1. Awards process: Dominic Ho lead a discussion regarding the procedure for nominating paper awards. One weakness of the current system is that the nomination will come from a subcommittee, rather than from an individual. There is a need to go back in time and exploiting the 5 year time window in a more systematic way. J Sel Topics should be included (and is). SPL is eligible, but not systematically reviewed. Besides our subcommittees, any individual can nominate a paper to the chair of the Awards subcommittee (currently D. Ho) at any time. Plan to start early this year (mid May). There was some discussion regarding the use of citation statistics as “filters” to reduce the load of finding award candidates. An alternative is a “full search” with a YES/NO result. But we should keep in mind that the Awards Board is highly likely to use citation statistics. It would be useful to use a “discussion board” where people can post messages to continue this discussion and have all things stored.
- 4.2. Dominic Ho reported from the Education TC regarding Tutorial Material. This should be “good examples” of outreach activities that can be spread within the SPS. The SAM TC members could help in producing such material. The issue will be handled by the chair of the Education subcommittee (Maria Sabrina Greco).

§5. Next TC meeting will be held during the SAM Workshop in Israel.

§6. The meeting was adjourned. The remaining agenda issues were postponed to email discussion.