

Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
Globecom 2007, Washington, DC
Wednesday, November 28, 2007, 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Kalorama East, Churchill Hotel

Attendees: Jason Jue, Pin-Han Ho, Biswanath Mukherjee, Admela Jukan, Yabin Ye, Jun Zheng, Dilip Sarkar, Wojciech Kabacinski, Naoaki Yamanaka, George Ellinas, Angelo Germoni, Luca Valcarengi, Isabella Cerutti, Rudra Dutta, Guy Weichenberg, Tao Zhang, Anpeng Huang, George Rouskas, Tarek El-Bawab, Ahmed Kamal, Abdallah Shami, Kejie Lu, Qingya She, Yi Zhu, Onur Turkcu, Huan Song, Marwan Batayneh, Ehab Elmallah, Stamatios Kartalopoulos, Amir Askarian, Arun Somani, Suresh Subramaniam, Nizar Bouabdallah, Marcell Perenyi, Janos Tapolcai, Lawrence Yeung, Bin Wu, Hussein Mouftah, Pramode Verma

Lunch 12:15 – 12:50 PM

1. Welcome/Introductions

Jason opened the meeting.
Self introductions.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes of the ONTC meeting at ICC 2007 were approved.

3. Election

Hussein and Biswanath managed the election for ONTC Secretary. The position of ONTC Secretary has a two-year term, after which the Secretary becomes the ONTC Vice-Chair for two years. The Vice-Chair then becomes ONTC Chair for a two-year term.

The two candidates, Suresh Subramaniam and Dominic Schupke, were introduced. Additional nominations were solicited. No other candidates were nominated.

Hussein and Biswanath read the position statements and bios of Suresh and Dominic, respectively. Voting followed with the following results:

Suresh: 23
Dominic: 14
Both: 1

Suresh was elected to be the ONTC secretary for 2008 and 2009. Congratulations to Suresh!

4. Conference updates

a) Globecom 2007

Admela, TPC Co-Chair of the Optical Networking Symposium, thanked everyone who contributed to the Symposium in Globecom 2007. Ahmed, who was also Co-Chair, announced the best paper award of the Symposium. The award was the paper titled, "Lightpath-Level Protection versus Connection-Level Protection for Carrier-Grade Ethernet in a Mixed-Line-Rate Telecom Network," authored by Marwan Batayneh, Dominic Schupke, Marco Hoffmann, Andreas Kirstaedter, and Biswanath Mukherjee.

b) OFC 2008

OFC 2008 will be held in San Diego in February 2008. Suresh reported that there were 166 submissions. The acceptance decisions will be made soon, and the acceptance rate will be around 50% in the network track. NFOEC will have a similar acceptance rate.

Stamatios mentioned that the submission to OFC and NFOEC are separated, and he had the impression that OFC was more on the physical side while NFOEC was more on the networking side.

Biswanath explained that NFOEC is more dominated by industry and focused on implementation aspects, while OFC focused on research and academic work. Reviews will not be sent back to the authors, but are just for discussion purposes. OFC 2009 has two technical program chairs on different network management aspects: one is on the higher layer and the other is on the lower layer. Everybody is encouraged to participate in the conference, and the committee could be further expanded to include more networking activities.

c) ICC 2008

ICC 2008 will be held in Beijing, China in May 2008. The Co-Chairs for the Optical Networking Symposium are George Ellinas, Mohan Gurusamy, and Mounir Hamdi. The Vice Chair is Rudra Dutta. George reported that 150 papers are submitted and are under review. The acceptance rate will be about 35% with around 50-55 papers being accepted.

d) Globecom 2008

Globecom 2008 will be held in New Orleans in November-December 2008. The Co-Chairs for the Optical Networking Symposium are Rudra Dutta, Fabio Neri, and Tarek El-Bawab. The Vice Chair is Gigi Karmous-Edwards. Rudra reported that the committee is trying to finalize the TPCs and the conference organization.

e) OFC 2009

Biswanath clarified the review process for OFC. Since all the reviews are by the TPC, the review will all be fair and professional. The paper selection criteria will be on whether there are new ideas and contribution to the areas. The content does not necessarily have to be practical tomorrow, but something novel and highlighted will be appreciated.

f) ICC 2009

ICC 2009 will be held in Dresden, Germany in June 2009. Dominic Shupke is a Co-Chair of the Optical Networking Symposium. Jun Zheng will participate on behalf of ONTC as Vice Chair. Jun reported that they are just starting to prepare the call for papers.

g) Globecom 2009

Globecom 2009 will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii in November-December 2009. Jun Zheng and Galen Sasaki are proposed by ONTC as Co-Chairs for the Optical Networking Symposium. Jun reported that the first TPC meeting was held yesterday to call for ideas for the conference.

Jason and Biswanath encouraged everyone to participate in the committees of the conferences and to help the organization process.

5. Other conferences and workshops

a) ONDM

Admela reported on ONDM. ONDM is held in Europe and was founded in 1997. The conference is very important to EU research groups and the development of future EU projects. Everyone is welcome to submit papers and contribute to the conference. ONDM 2008 will be in Barcelona, Spain in February, about two weeks before OFC. ONDM 2009 will be in Brunswick in February 2009.

b) ANTS 2007

Biswanath reported that ANTS 2007 is a high-end conference to be held in December in India. All are welcome to join.

c) Accessnets

Hussein reported that Accessnets will be in Oct. 2008 in Las Vegas.

d) HPSR 2008

Naoaki reported that HPSR will be held in Shanghai in May, one week before ICC 2008.

e) Hot Interconnects

Luca reported that Hot Interconnects will be held in Stanford in August 2008. It has a strong focus on optical interconnects, and is soliciting good papers.

f) Chinacom 2008

Chinacom will be in Hangzhou next August 2008.

g) ICCCN 2008

ICCCN 2008 will be in St. Thomas in August 2008. The Optical Networking Symposium is co-chaired by Jason and Srinivasan Ramasubramanian.

6. Standards

There was nothing to report.

7. Publications

JSAC-OCN is edited by Vincent Chan. A new IEEE journal on optical networking will emerge soon.

8. Website

The website is maintained by Byrav. Website updates and suggestions are welcome.

9. Other business

There was no other business.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Minutes recorded by Pin-Han Ho.