

Conference Committee Report

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Committee Members

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Bruce Hajek (Incoming Chair from ISIT Seoul 2009)

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Symposia

Summary

2006	Seattle	Some residual issues with closing the books
2008	Toronto	Only awaiting final Audit
2009	Seoul	Report to be presented by Jong-Seon No.
2010	Austin	Report to be presented by Michel Gastpar.
2011	St Petersburg	Concerns over the health of Blinovsky.
2012	Cambridge	Finalizing local arrangements - Local & CMS
2013	Turkey	Report received from E. Erkip. Difficulty in securing venue.
2014		Nothing planned yet
2015	Hong Kong	A pre-proposal received from Hong Kong

2009 Seoul (Jong-Seon No)

A very successful symposium is expected, with 589 accepted papers from 955 submissions (compared to 603/993 for 2008). The expected surplus is \$35,895. As of June 26, there were 770 registrations, with very strong support from Asia (273). Tutorials are well attended with 319 registrations.

2011 St Petersburg

There are concerns over the health of Volodja Blinovsky. This will be discussed with the organizers at the Conference Committee meeting prior to the BoG meeting and the Chair will present an update to the BoG.

2012 Cambridge (L. Zheng & M. Medard)

Finalizing conference service support from local supplier & CMS. Have booked block rooms at Marriot. No change to expected finances.

2013 Turkey (E. Erkip)

Following on from the proposed change of venue from Istanbul to Antalya, it appears that the organizing team is finding it difficult to secure an economically viable venue, and are thinking of withdrawing the proposal. This will be discussed with the organizers at the

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Workshops

Summary

2008	Porto	No report received
2009	Volos	See below
2009	Taormina	See below
2010	Dublin	Updated proposal received, see below.
2010	Cairo	This was approved by email vote. CFP has been distributed.

2009 Volos (Hajek/Tassiulas)

Overall ITW 2009 in Volos went fine, the program was of high quality and interesting and the participants appeared to be satisfied. The meeting was somewhat focused on networks, and there was a good interplay between researchers in networks and in other parts of information theory. There were 97 registrations. It is expected that the workshop will return a surplus, the organizers are still going through the invoices.

2009 Taormina (E. Biglieri)

There were 181 submissions. The TPC will meet Monday 29th to finalize accepted papers. An acceptance ratio of about 60% is expected, which will result in about 100 papers.

2010 Cairo (H. El Gamal)

Website has been established <http://itw2010cairo.info/> and call for papers has been distributed.

2010 Dublin (M. Greferath)

Revised proposal received and will be presented by Joachim Rosenthal.

Committee Matters

The conference committee will be discussing policy issues regarding Workshops and Symposia, and will be presenting their view to the BoG at this meeting

A. Grant has completed his three-year term as Chair. Bruce Hajek will take over as Chair from the Seoul BoG meeting.