Report: ITSoc Schools Committee
Date & Venue: Sunday 17 June 2018, ISIT’18 meeting, Vail, CO
Presenter: Stark Draper

1. Committee Membership:
   • Stark Draper (Chair, Univ. of Toronto, appointed at Feb’18 BoG meeting),
   • Parastoo Sadegh (Member, Australian National Univ., appointed Apr’18),
   • Helmut Bölcskei (ex-officio member, ETH Zurich)

2. Schools planned for 2018
   • ESIT’18, Bertinoro, Italy, concluded.
   • NASIT’18, College Station, TX, USA, concluded.
   • India’18, Mumbai, India, to be held July 2018.

3. Schools planned for 2019
   • ESIT’19, Sophia Antipolis, approved at Feb’18 meeting.
   • NASIT’19, Boston, MA, USA, motion today.
   • Australia’19, Sydney, Australia, just received initial proposal, in committee, expect BoG email vote later this summer.
   • India’19, initial discussions with organizers, if there will be a proposal it will be presented at the next BoG meeting.

4. Looking further ahead
   • Please have organizers contact me early in the year prior to when the school is proposed to be held. Now that established schools are paid for from ITSoC’s operating budget, we need to know what schools will be proposed so that ITSoC can budget appropriately.
   • Motions to support schools should be presented to the BoG roughly one year prior to when the school will be held.
   • We are formulating a number of “best practices” for school organization. Among others, these include the above timing recommendations, a simplified and standardized summary format for BoG presentation/motions, diversification of location and makeup of organizing committee and speakers, example of school formats, and the collection of statistics on who attends the schools (e.g., total number of attendees, # first-time attendees, geographic & professional & gender diversity, IEEE membership level or lack thereof, etc.).
   • We are working with organizers of a school for Korea in 2020 as well as organizers of previously (not ITSoC-funded) schools in Hong Kong and Taiwan, to classify this school and other new schools in east Asia as a “new initiative”.