Information Theory Society Conference Committee Report

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Committee Members

• New Members:
  – Albert Guillen i Fabregas
  – Ubli Mitra
  – Daniela Tuninetti (ex-officio)

• Retiring Members:
  – Lars Rasmussen
  – Aylin Yener (ex-officio)
ISIT Updates

- ISIT 2015, Hong Kong (Tse, Yeung)
  - Finance in good shape, $60K loan from IEEE
  - Sponsorship
  - Venues finalized
  - Plenary speakers/tutorials confirmed
  - Submissions closed
    - 953 submitted papers
    - 153 TPC members (Subcommittees for appeals, Jack Wolf Student Paper Award, semi-plenary sessions, reserve)
    - Semi-plenary sessions
ISIT Updates

- ISIT 2016, Barcelona (Guillen I Fabregas, Martinez, Verdu)
  - Venue and PCO contracts, banquet venue
- ISIT 2017, Aachen (Kramer, Mathar)
  - June 25-30 fixed
  - Initial budget, potential sponsors
ISIT 2018?

• Strong interest from a team in Colorado
  – Venue options, quotes
  – Mahesh Varanasi (UC Boulder), Rockey Luo (Colorado State), Ali Pezeshki (Colorado State)

• Other possibilities for 2018/2019
  – Pablo Piantanida (Supelec), Paris in 2019
  – Vitaly Skacheck (U.of Tartu, Estonia), Helsinki in 2018 or 2019
Schedule for ISIT Approvals

• Regular Schedule
• Approval only during annual BoG meeting (during ISIT)
  – Bigger BoG participation
  – Easier for proposers
  – Easier to schedule competing proposals
  – Can be announced in the newsletter, e-mail blast
• For ITWs, evaluate proposals as they arrive
  – Multiple ITWs in a year
  – Can quickly act on topics/venues

[VOTE]
ITW Updates

• ITW 2015 Jerusalem
  – Decisions sent, program in place
  – Panel by Ephremides
  – Registration open
  – Contract delayed (lack of response from IEEE)

• ITW 2015 Korea budget approved (by e-mail)
ITW 2017 Proposal

- Proposal to hold ITW 2017 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan
  - Nov 5-8
  - Po-Ning Chen, Gerhard Kramer, Chih-Peng
- The conference committee recommends BoG approval

[VOTE]
Joint Workshops

• Joint workshops to increase ties with other communities
• Subcommittee will look into this
• Members:
  – Jeff Andrews,
  – Michelle Effros (ex-officio)
  – Elza Erkip
  – Ubli Mitra
  – Alon Orlitsky
New IEEE Journal

- IEEE Transactions on Molecular, Biological, and Multi-Scale Communications
- Editor-in-Chief: Ubli Mitra

Technical Co-Sponsorship Request

• WiOpt 2015
  – ITSoc has provided technical co-sponsorship since 2006
  – Conference committee recommends BoG approval

[VOTE]
Technical Co-Sponsorship Fees

• Starting from December 31, 2015, IEEE will charge $1000 per conference and $15 per paper for TCS.

• Options
  – IT Society can cover the cost
  – Conferences can pay

• Currently we pay for TCS as overhead, but not clear how this overhead is computed.

• Another option: Financial co-sponsorship for a small percentage.
  – Fees are not paid.
  – Cost/revenue to the society not clear.