

# 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

<https://www.ieee.org/membership-catalog/productdetail/showProductDetailPage.html?product=PER475-ELE>

# Technical Co-Sponsorship Request

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

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# 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.