Outreach Subcommittee
Report 6/14-12/14

Joerg Kliwer
Subcommittee Members

• Appointment of a co-chair

• Leaving members (many thanks for your help!): Elza Erkip, Daniela Tuninetti

• Continuing member: Bobak Nazer

• New members: Tara Javidi, ... (TBD)
Panel Discussion ISIT 2014

• Panel discussion “How to survive tenure track”
  – Panelists: Salman Avestimehr, Rob Calderbank, Natasha Devroye, Pulkit Grover
  – Approx. 50 attendees

• Followed by our traditional ISIT mentoring get-together reception
Mentoring Program

• 31 (more or less) active mentoring pairs
• Advertising article Society Newsletter September 2014
• Includes convincing success statements, as:

"The mentee and the mentor have been initially paired when the mentee was a senior grad student. The two have kept contact in person or by email whenever needed, the topics of conversation have appropriately changed over time as the careers have evolved. The meetings are not formal and this has allowed for an exchange that is friendly and cordial that is most beneficial for both parties."

Ayfer Ö zgür (mentee), Aylin Yener (mentor)
2015

• Panel discussion ITA (Tuesday) “101 reasons to study IT”, co-organized with Student Committee
  – Panelists: Emina Soljanin, Andrea Montanari, Venkatash Saligrama

• ISIT event (panel discussion, get-together event, or something completely different...)

• $3k budget for 2015 sufficient

• Rather long-term: advertising video (revamp of the UCSD Shannon video?)
Student Subcommittee

Co-Chairs
Deniz Gunduz
Osvaldo Simeone
(presented by Joerg Kliwerer)
Members

• Faculty coordinators
  – Deniz Gunduz (started Feb. 2013)
  – Osvaldo Simeone (started Jan. 2014)

• Student/Postdoc Volunteers
  – Alex Dytso, UIC
  – Jonathan Scarlett, EPFL
  – Kaya Tutuncuoglu, PSU
  – Himanshu Tyagi, UCSD
Panel discussion on “Landing your dream job”

Held at Tony Roma’s

Moderated by Himanshu Tyagi

Lunch served

Co-organized with the Outreach subcommittee

Panelists: Giuseppe Caire, Bertrand Hochwald, Muriel Medard, Joseph Soriaga (Qualcomm)

Very high attendance
CISS 2014

- Roundtable discussion
- Pizza served
- Moderators and topics (one per table): Curt Schieler (Princeton): source coding; Himanshu Tyagi (UCSD): secrecy and privacy; Nicolo' Michelusi (USC): energy harvesting; Marc Reinhardt (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology): distributed signal processing; Bose Subbonmesh (Caltech): Controls and games in power systems; Sreechakra Goparaju (Princeton): Distributed storage; Seok-Hwan Park (NJIT): Advanced wireless communication systems
- Very high attendance
ISIT 2014

- Lunch with the Shannon Awardee
- T-shirts for students
- Hosted by Osvaldo Simeone
- Interview available on-line: http://media.itsoc.org/isit2014 JanosKornerInterview.mp4
Expenses

- **ITA 2014**: $1000
- **CISS 2014**: $323.49
- **ISIT 2014**:
  - Lunch with Shannon lecturer: $2,954.19
  - ISIT T-shirt: $1,741.25
  - Total: $6018.93
2015

• Extend membership to students/Postdocs with aim of enhancing diversity and establishing a presence in Asia and Latin America

• Continue with ITA panel, CISS roundtable discussion and ISIT Meet the Shannon Awardee events

• 10K budget