Information Theory Society Membership Committee Update

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February 2016 BoG Meeting, ITA
Members

- Elza Erkip (chair)
- Sid Jaggi (new)
- Vijay Kumar (new)
- Alfonso Martinez (new)
- Paul Siegel
- Lav Varshney (new)
Structure of Sub-Committees

- Student and Outreach Sub-Committees
- Role of WITHITS
Student Sub-Committee Updates

- New Co-Chair: Tom Courtade
- Continuing Co-Chair: Osvaldo Simeone
- Ongoing preparations for
  - CISS roundtable
  - ISIT “Meet the Shannon Awardee”
Student Sub-Committee Updates

• Co-Chairs: Aaron Wagner and Joerg Kliewer,
• Major activity in 2016: Restructuring of the mentoring program
• Problems so far:
  – Few new applications despite several advertising efforts
  – Few mentoring pairings really work well
  – Pool of possible mentors is small
• Possible idea: Mentoring network with peers and several mentors instead of single mentors
• ISIT event will be centered around mentoring