IT Student Committee Report

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BoG Meeting, September 2, 2012
Committee

- Faculty coordinators: Elza (NYU-Poly) & Sriram (UT Austin)

- Student co-chairs:
  - Salim El Rouayheb, Princeton
  - Mustafa El-Halabi, Texas A&M
  - Galen Reeves, Stanford
  - Ye Tian, Penn State
Event @ CISS’12

- Research Roundtable
  - Each table led by one student or postdoc.
  - Article in IT Newsletter has a detailed list of subjects and discussion leaders.

- Raffle for
  - Five $20 Barnes&Noble gift cards.
  - Copies of Bloch&Barros, Csizar&Korner, El Gamal&Kim.

- Many thanks to Cambridge Press and Phil Meyler for donating the books.
Events @ ISIT’12

- Career Panel, Monday lunch
  - Discuss career options after graduate study in IT.

- Host: Lalitha Sankar, Professor, ASU

- Panelists:
  - Todd Coleman: Professor, UCSD
  - Olgica Milenkovic: Professor, UIUC
  - Tim Holliday: Goldman Sachs
  - Emre Telatar: Professor, EPFL
  - Antonia Tulino: Bell Labs

- IT Student Committee t-shirts distributed to students.
Events @ ISIT’12

- Gameshow, Thursday lunch
- Mix of “Who wants to be a millionaire?” and “Jeopardy”
- Format: Students ask professors questions.
- Participants
  - Nino Marina: Host
  - Joao Barros
  - Dan Costello
  - Ruediger Urbanke
  - Aylin Yener
- Winner: Aylin Yener
- Student raffle: Five signed copies of El Gamal & Kim, Network Information Theory.
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Planned Event @ Allerton’12

- “Information Theory Charades” played by teams of students.
- Planned for Wednesday lunch.
New Initiative

- Initiative of ad-hoc committee on outreach and education.
- Video contest to make information theory more accessible to a wider audience.
- Videos would be distributed through YouTube.
- Student Committee is potentially interested in running the contest — details will need to be discussed with the ad-hoc committee.