

President's Report and Announcements

Information Theory Society
Board of Governors Meeting

Allerton Park,
Sept. 26, 2007

Main Events Since Last Meeting

- Servetto's accident. I would like to thank those that have been close Sergio's family during the most difficult times and have organized various efforts, notably Barros, Goldsmith, McLaughlin, Verdu.
- A significant effort, led by Nick Laneman, went into the formulation of a proposal for a new web site. See Nick's presentation.

- ISIT Nice
- ITW Bergen
- ITW Lake Tahoe

General Announcements

- Ezio Biglieri has taken over as EiC of the IT Transactions
- Han Vinck has agreed to run for Division IX Director
- Aylin Yener has accepted to be the chair of the Students Committee.

Membership, June 2007 vs June 2006

Society	Regular	Students
Information Theory	-0.5% (2926)	-11.5% (353)
Communications	-0.2%	-3.7%
Vehicular Technology	5.8%	5.2%
Signal Processing	-1.1%	-11.7%
Circuits and Systems	-2.2%	-9.1%

About the IT Transactions

- The estimated page count for 2007 is 4500 (The count for 2006 was 5509 and the 2007 budget is 5300)
- The budget for 2008 will remain at 5300
- The expected number of papers for 2007 is 900 (966 the actual number in 2006)
- For the first 246 papers published in 2007, the average publication time (sub to pub) was 19.7 months (up from 18.3 in 2006)

2008 IT Society Officers

- 2nd VP -- Frank Kschischang
- 1st VP -- Andrea Goldsmith
- President -- Marc Fossorier
- Past President -- Bixio Rimoldi
- Senior Past President -- Dave Neuhoff

McLaughlin leaves the BoG after 12 years.

THANKS Steve!!!

BoG Members: End of Term

- Giuseppe Caire
- Dan Costello
- Ubli Mitra
- Venu Veeravalli
- Ken Zeger

BoG Meetings in 2008

- BoG Meeting 1: At ITW'08, Porto, May 5-9
- BoG Meeting 2: At ISIT'08, Toronto, July 6
- BoG Meeting 3: At Allerton, Sept./Oct.

Officers Meeting: Agenda Items

- How to avoid rushed BoG decisions
- How to increase the number of paper award nominations
- Are we overlooking potential IEEE Fellows?
- Who should attend TAB meetings?
- "Best practices" manual for conf. organizers
- Find a way to disseminate tutorial contents after ISITs

THANKS