

IEEE ComSoc Technical Committee on Power Line Communications Committee Meeting
IEEE SmartGridComm in Miami
3 Nov. 2015 from 12:00 to 13:30 local time

Chair: Andrea Tonello
Vice-chair: Haniph Latchman
Secretary: Gerd Bumiller

List of attendees:

#	Name	Affiliation
1	Michael Koch	Devol, Germany
2	Andrea Tonello	University of Klagenfurt, Austria
3	Mehul Soman	Texas Instruments, USA
4	Haniph Latchman	University of Florida, USA
5	Selcuk Uluagac	Florida International University, USA
6	Gregorio Lopez	Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Spain
7	Ralf Lehnert	TU Dresden, Germany
8	Han Vinck	University Duisburg-Essen, Germany
9	Vincent Wong	University of British Columbia, Canada
10	Gary Michel	Power System Consulting
11	Babak Nikfar	Hochschule Ruhr West, Germany
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12	Lutz Lampe	University of British Columbia, Canada
13	Gerd Bumiller	Hochschule Ruhr West, Germany
14	Vincent Guillet	Landis & Gyr, France
15	Alberto Sendin	Iberdrola, Spain
16	Inigo Berganza	Iberdrola, Spain
17	Il-Han Kim	TI, USA

Agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
3. Conferences activities:
 - (a) Proposal for ISPLC 2017 (Alberto Sendin and Inigo Berganza)
 - (b) Report on SmartGridComm 2015 (Haniph Latchman)
 - (c) Report on WSPLC 2015 (Andrea Tonello)
 - (d) Report on ICC 2015 (Bill Leichsteiner)
 - (e) Status of Globecom 2015 (Anil Mengi)
 - (f) Status of ISPLC 2016 (Babak Nikfar)
 - (g) Status of IEEE ICC 2016 (Lutz Lampe)
 - (h) Status of WSPLC 2016 (Proposals?)
 - (i) Status of IEEE GLOBECOM 2016 (Andrea Tonello)
 - (j) Status of SmartGridComm 2016 (Han Vinck)

4. Publication activities:

- (a) PLC DocSearch update (Francisco Canete)

5. Standardization and regulation activities:

- (a) Update on PLC standardizations (Anil Mengi)

6. TC-PLC matters:

- (a) Update of the Policies and Procedures (P&P)
- (b) Formation of the N&E Committee for the election of TC-PLC officers term 2016-2018
- (c) Liaison with Smart Grid Communications sub-committee
- (d) TC-PLC web site update and maintenance

7. Any other business

Meeting minutes:

1. [Welcome and introduction](#)

Andrea Tonello opens the meeting at 12:10.

2. [Approval of the previous meeting minutes](#)

Minutes of the previous meeting have been approved.

3. [Conferences activities](#)

- (a) Alberto Sendin presents the proposal of hosting ISPLC 2017 in Madrid, Spain. The hosting entity will be Iberdrola with organizing committee chair Miguel Fornie and industrial committee chair Andrea Tonello. The conference will have the duration of two days (either Tuesday and Wednesday, or Wednesday and Thursday) in first week of April with two parallel tracks, and three keynote speeches. The conference venue will be Iberdrola campus at San Agustin del Guadalix in Madrid.

Andrea Tonello points out that the continental rotation rule is not going to be applied at ISPLC 2017, because it is not easy to find volunteers and also most businesses in PLC are in Europe. Everybody agrees.

Gerd Bumiller suggests the conference to be 2.5 days instead of 1.5 days and to add one more academic co-chair to the technical program committee. Andrea Tonello raises the question why Monday and Friday are being avoided and suggests to include either one of these days. Han Vinck asks the possibility of moving the conference week. For all the suggestions an email vote is planned until end of November, and final answer is going to be ready by the first week of December.

Andrea Tonello points out that the venue is 30 km away from Madrid city center and may cause inconvenience, which Alberto Sendin replies by saying that host demonstration and facilities are available at the venue and there is going to be a shuttle service between Madrid and the conference venue.

- (b) Haniph Latchman reports on SmartGridComm 2015. Over 230 participants, 308 papers submitted with 24 withdrawals, 150 papers accepted. There are two panels, three keynote speeches, two tutorials and two workshops. The budget surplus is around 15 percent.

- (c) Andrea Tonello reports on WSPLC 2015. The workshop has been very successful with high participation. 65 to 70 percent of participants were from industry.
- (d) Andrea Tonello indicates that Bill Leichsteiner didn't provide any updates on ICC 2015, and the status is the same as discussed in the last meeting.
- (e) Andrea Tonello reports on the status of Gobecom 2015 on behalf of Anil Mengi. 11 papers has been submitted which is below the average, 5 of which has been accepted (45%). Next step is to select the best paper and select the session chair. Andrea Tonello suggests that we need to keep our presence in Globecom.
- (f) Babak Nikfar presents the status of ISPLC 2016 in Bottrop, Germany. The program's date has been changed to 20-23 March. Han Vinck suggests to expand the coffee breaks from 20 minutes to 30 minutes and lunch time from one hour to 90 minutes.
- (g) Lutz Lampe reports on the status of ICC 2016, track on Communications for the Smart Grid. The chair is Lutz Lampe.
- (h) There are no proposals for WSPLC 2016. Han Vinck points out that there was a proposal from Tunisia which was withdrawn due to the terrorist attacks in Tunisia. Andrea Tonello suggests to approach possible volunteers in Europe, specially France which never hosted a workshop or conference on PLC. Han Vinck suggests to combine the Tunisia Proposal with the possible proposal from France.
- (i) Andrea Tonello reports on the status of IEEE GLOBECOM 2016. Two co-chairs for a track on Smart Grid and Power Line Communications are going to be nominated. The nominations are not confirmed yet.
- (j) Han Vinck reports on the status of SmartGridComm 2016 which is going to be in Sydney, Australia. The conference is going to have the regular structure.

4. Publication activities

Andrea Tonello reports about the PLC DocSearch update. 138 new papers have been added. The updates of the WSPLC 2015 is going to be added by Andrea Tonello himself. For updating the proceedings of 2014 and 2013, Gerd Bumiller and Mauro Biagi are going to be reminded respectively.

5. Standardization and regulation activities

Michael Koch reports on the update on PLC standardizations. He also mentions the ongoing CENELEC new standard for PLC which was approved two weeks ago with Germany, Finland, and Denmark voting against it. European commission is to publish the new standard.

6. TC-PLC matters

- (a) The process of updating Policies and Procedures (P&P) has been finished.
- (b) Formation of the N&E Committee for the election of TC-PLC officers term 2016-2018 is chaired by Lutz Lampe. Lutz Lampe asks for nominations, saying that people can nominate themselves, and voting will be held. Results will be at the next ISPLC meeting.
- (c) Andrea Tonello reports on the Liaison with Smart Grid Communications sub-committees, suggesting to increase the scope of communication and join forces of different committees without losing the PLC roots. At the moment no concrete decisions has been made and the matter is open to discussion.

- (d) Andrea Tonello reports on the TC-PLC web site update and maintenance. He and one of his students are working on restructuring the website and moving to Wordpress, hopefully by the end of November.

7. Other matters

- (a) Ralf Lehnert is going to arrange the award and nominations.
- (b) Gary Michel points out that there has been good efforts in the field of cyber security which can be applied to smart grids as well.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 13:40.

Minutes prepared by Babak Nikfar.