

**IEEE ComSoc Technical Committee on Power Line Communications
Committee meeting at 2018 IEEE ISPLC in Manchester, UK, 10 April
2018**

Chair: Andrea Tonello
Vice-chair: Han Vinck
Secretary: Gerd Bumiller

Attendees:

#	Name
1	Andrea Tonello
2	Masaaki Katayama
3	Gerd Bumiller
4	Lutz Lampe
5	Han Vinck
6	Cédric Lavenu
7	Alfredo Sanz
8	Bamidele Adebisi
9	Ralf Lehnert
10	Yinjia Huo
11	Gautham Prasad
12	Ievgenii Tsokalo
13	Kaveh Razazian
14	Babak Nikfar
15	Rochus Hien
16	Ulrike Zimmermann
17	Vincent Guillet
18	Waled Gheth
19	Ernst Siegler
20	Haris Gacanin
21	Jose Cortes
22	Khaled Rabie
23	George Hallak
On the phone:	
24	Francisco Canete

Agenda for the meeting:

- Welcome and Opening

- Approval of the previous meeting minutes

- Conference activities

- a. Report on ISPLC 2018 in Manchester (B. Adebisi)
- b. Proposal to host ISPLC 2019 in Prague (J. Hrad)
- c. Status of WSPLC 2018 in Ljubljana (M. Zajc)
- d. Proposal to host WSPLC 2019 in Tunis (A. Ghazel)
- e. Report on SmartGridComm 2017 (R. Lehnert)
- f. Status of ICC 2018-19 and Globecom 2018-19 (J. Cortes, A. Tonello)
- g. Future of ISPLC and presence of TC-PLC in conferences (G. Bumiller)

- Publication activities

- a. PLC DocSearch update (F. Canete)

- Standardization and regulation activities

- a. Update on PLC standardization activities (A. Mengi)

- TC-PLC matters

- a. Final report on “Merging the TC-PLC with the Smart Grid Communications ETSC” (A. Tonello)
- b. Establishing a Best PhD Thesis in PLC Award (A. Tonello, H. Vinck)
- c. ANC report (R. Lehnert)
- d. Ratification of new elected TC-PLC officers for the term 2018-2020 (A. Tonello)
- e. Update of ANC members
- f. Update of ISPLC steering committee members
- g. Update of TC-PLC representatives in committees

- Any other business

- Welcome and Opening

Andrea Tonello opens the meeting at 18:30

- Approval of the previous meetings minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting have been approved.

- Conferences activity

- a. Masaaki Katayama reports on the TPC activities of ISPLC 2018. The conference consisted of a panel of experts, 5 keynotes, and 7 sessions. 50 submitted papers, 4 withdrawn, 24 accepted and 22 rejected (52.1% acceptance ratio). It was effective to have two TPC co-chairs with good collaboration.

Bamidele Adebisi reports on the financial state of ISPLC 2018. 60 final registrations and fewer student registration. Revenues for the Event are Patron fees + Attendance fees. Total revenues 16k£ + 28k€. Expenses were below revenues with 35% surplus. He suggests finding sponsors earlier, which makes everything smoother.

- b. Jaromír Hrad presents the proposal for hosting the next ISPLC19 in Prague, Czech Republic. The conference planned to be from 19-22 April 2019. The conference venue will be the University of Prague (Electrical engineering department) and not far away from the city center. Host demonstration and facilities are available at the venue. Preliminary budget supported from IEEE. Finally, the conference has been approved to take place in Prague.
- c. Matej Zajc presents the proposal of hosting the WSPLC 18 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The workshop planned to be from 24-25 September 2018. The workshop venue will be the University of Ljubljana (Electrical engineering department). Registration fee kept the same as last year (200€). Workshop Website is already online.
- d. Han Vinck presents the proposal of hosting the WSPLC 2019 in Hammamet, Tunis, Provided by Adel Ghazel. The workshop planned to be from 7-8 November 2019. The workshop venue will be the University of Chartage (SUPCOM institution). Registration fee kept the same as previous years (200€). Han Vinck will ask to change the date of the workshop to be in September or October. Finally, the workshop has been approved by the voting member.
- e. Ralf Lehnert reports on SmartGridComm 2017 in Dresden. 4 workshops, very successful w.r.t. participants (80% participation). 5 keynotes, 3 parallel tracks, 92 papers, 2 panels, 2 social events. 38 k€ income from patrons. The number of participants of 195 is less than the previous years. Communication with IEEE very formal and the accepted paper still not online on the IEEE Xplore after 6 months.
- f. Jose Cortes reports on Globecom 2019. It is going to take place in Hawaii with PLC Track: Access Network in Power Line Communication. No updates regarding ICC.
- g. Gerd Bumiller suggests contacting new standardization groups such as, IEEE 1901.1 and IEEE 1901.3 to join the ISPLC. He will prepare proposal for the future of ISPLC and will be discuss at ISPLC 2019.

- Publication activities

- a. Francisco Canete are going to update the PLC DocSearch in the next days.

- Standardization and regulation activities

- a. Andrea Tonello reports on PLC standardization activities provided by A. Mengi. Two IEEE standardization groups (IEEE 1901.1 and IEEE 1901.3) are now developing new PLC standards. ITU-T SG15Q18 G.hn group addresses the application of G.hn of access network.

- TC-PLC matters

- a. Andrea Tonello reports that the idea of merging the TC-PLC with the Smart Grid Communications ETSC failed.
- b. A. Tonello and H. Vinck report that the idea of a Best PhD Thesis in PLC Award is now open for new people to continue working on it.
- c. Ralf Lehnert reports on the Awards and Nomination Committee (ANC). Awards are announced during the Gala dinner.
- d. Andrea Tonello announces the new elected TC-PLC officers for the term 2018-2020. Gerd Bumiller is going to be a Chair, Bambidele Adebisi a Vice Chair, and Jose Corte a Secretary.
- e. No update of ANC members.
- f. ISPLC steering committee members is updated.
- g. TC-PLC representatives in committees is updated.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 20:30.

George Hallak