

IEEE Technical Committee on Power Line Communications

Meeting: IEEE ISPLC 2019

Where: Prague (Czech Republic)

When: 3 April, 19:00 (local time)

Attendees

#	Name	#	Name
1	Han Vinck	11	George Hallak
2	Lutz Lampe	12	Moises Vidal (Skype)
3	Francisco J. Cañete	13	Gautham Prasad (Skype)
4	Ernst Siegler	14	Bamidele Adebisi
5	Ralf Lehnert	15	José A. Cortés
6	Masaaki Katayama	16	Ulrike Zimmermann
7	Cédric Lavenu	17	Babak Nikar
8	Alfredo Sanz	18	Andrea M. Tonello
9	Markus Rindchen	19	Gerd Bumiller
10	Davide Righini		

Agenda

1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
2. Conferences activities
 - a. Proposal to host ISPLC 2020 (Francisco J. Cañete)
 - b. Status of GlobeCom 2019 (José A. Cortés)
 - c. Status of GlobeCom 2020 (Bamidele Adebisi)
 - c. Status of WSPLC 2019 (November 7-8, 2019, Hammamet, Tunisia) (Adel Ghazel)
 - d. Report on ISPLC 2019 (Jaromír Hrad, Khaled M. Rabie)
 - e. Report on GlobeCom 2018: TC Board has P&Ps è consequences on our TC (Gerd)
 - f. Next TC-PLC meeting on SmartGridComm 2019 in Beijing (Gerd Bumiller)
 - g. Ideas on future of ISPLC (Gerd Bumiller)
3. Report on Awards and Nominations Committee (Ralf Lehnert)
4. Publication activities
 - a. PLC DocSearch update (Francisco J. Cañete)
5. Standardization and regulation activities
 - a. Update on PLC standardizations (Anil Mengi)
6. Any other business

1. Minutes of the last TC PLC meeting (Globecom 2018) are approved.

2. Conference activities

a) Proposal to host ISPLC 2020 (Francisco J. Cañete)

Francisco J. Cañete makes a brief presentation about ISPLC 2020. The main novelty, with respect to previous editions is that new “Dissemination Sessions” will be included. They are aimed at attracting works which have been already accepted in highly ranked journals.

Gerd Bumiller suggests keeping the “Recent Results” as a differentiate session from the “Dissemination Sessions”.

Ralf Lenhert suggests having tutorials for Ph. D. students that have just started/are going to start. It is recognized that an important problem is that we their number is too low (at least this year).

Alfredo Sanz says that some companies might be interested in giving tutorials about their platforms.

The motion for hosting the IEEE ISPLC 2020 in Málaga is approved.

b) Status of GlobeCom 2019 (José A. Cortés)

Submission period is still open but the number of submitted papers is still not visible.

c) Status of GlobeCom 2020 (Bamidele Adebisi)

The process has just started and there is nothing relevant up to this moment.

d) Status of WSPLC 2019 (November 7-8, 2019, Hammamet, Tunisia) (Adel Ghazel)

Han Vinck reports that they are working on it. The website will be available soon. They are working on the committee.

Gerd Bumiller mentions that still no candidate for WSPLC 2020. An invitation will be sent.

e) Report on ISPLC 2019 (Jaromír Hrad)

Jaromír gives the main figures of the conference: 69 participants, 37 submissions, 22 accepted papers but only 21 presented. In total, 26.500 USD have been received from patrons. Basic package for patron includes a slot to make it attractive. He also emphasize the bad service from IEEE.

Bamidele alerts future organizers of the very bad service from IEEE.

f) Report on GlobeCom 2018: TC Board has P&Ps et consequences on our TC (Gerd Bumiller)

Gerd informs of the new TC Board created by ComSoc. It will be formed by Chairs of TCs. Also, the P&Ps have been updated. Main chages are:

-Roles of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary are defined.

-Voting members should be ComSoc members. In this meeting, only five of the attendees are ComSoc members.

-One of the TC meetings has to be on Globecom or ICC. Since ICC is very close to ISPLC, it would be better to do it in Globecom.

He have to include in our P&Ps for the recertification of the TC-PLC on 2021, so Gerd proposes to delay this as much as possible.

g) Next TC-PLC meeting on SmartGridComm 2019 in Beijing (Gerd Bumiller)

Gerd moves a motion to celebrate the next TC PLC during SmartGridComm and is approved.

h) Ideas on future of ISPLC (Gerd Bumiller)

Gerd says that we need industry for ISPLC but Andrea Tonello thinks that WSPLC is the place for this. Gerd says that we have not enough submissions to have a Symposium in Globecom. Gerd will attend next SmartGridComm and then we will be in the position to make a proposal about how to proceed.

Andrea says that PLC can likely keep our personality as a symposium on SmartGridComm. On Globecom we may fade away. He also thinks that we cannot resist for too long on this situation. He thinks that ComSoc will approach us to take an action.

Lutz Lampe thinks that co-locating ISPLC with Globecom/ICC (these are called workshops – nothing to do with our WSPLC) and keep WSPLC might be a suitable alternative. The co-located Globecom/ICC workshop has an academic focus. This also avoids logistic problems, which would be solved by the organization of Globecom/ICC.

Alfredo Sanz says that this would not be so interesting for industry as it is now.

Gerd suggests postponing this discussion to 2020, changes will apply for 2020. For 2021 is too late.

3. Report on Awards and Nominations Committee (Ralf Lehnert)

Ralf says that proposals refused on previous years have not been resubmitted. However, there will be three awards.

The ANC term has ended. He can serve for one additional year but then he we will retire. Lutz can also serve but suggests sending an e-mail asking for candidates.

4. Publication activities

a) PLC DocSearch update (Francisco Cañete)

PLC DocSearch is unavailable. The server was provided by Haniph Latchman, who is now unavailable. He will try to host it on a UMA server. We will inform us when done.

5. Standardization and regulation activities

a) Update on PLC standardizations (Anil Mengi)

Anil is not present. Markus Rindchen briefly describes the IEEE 1901.1. It defines a system similar to HomePlug Green-PHY and is being driven by Huawei.

6. Any other business

Han Vinck informs that Hendrik Ferreira passed away on November. He will make a presentation on Friday. He highlights that Hendrik Ferreira significantly contributed to the PLC community.