Technical Committee on Neural Systems and Applications
IEEE Circuits and Systems Society

Minutes of Neural Systems and Applications Technical Committee 2006 Annual Meeting (To be confirmed)

Date: Monday, May 22, 2006
Time: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Location: KICC Hotel Room 2.2, KOS, Greece

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This year the meeting was extremely short, as there were several other overlapping events that the meeting participants had to attend. Nonetheless, the meeting was extremely successful: the number of participants was high reflecting the elevated interest in the activities of the NSA TC. All the items on the meeting-minutes listed below were voted and accepted without hesitation, and almost all matters were settled with unanimous consent.

The following are the detailed minutes of the 2006 NSA TC meeting:

The Chair, Prof. Chin-Teng (CT) Lin could not attend, so Prof. Wai-Chi Fang chaired the meeting in his place, and called the meeting to order.

- **Introduction of TC Officers**: The chairman introduced present and absent TC new officers for May 2006 to the attendees.
- **2006 Meeting Agenda**: Prof. Abshire moved to accept the 2006 meeting agenda, Prof. Indiveri second, and all unanimously voted in favour.
- **2005 Meeting Minutes**: Prof. Derong Liu moved to accept the 2005 meeting minutes, Prof. Indiveri second and all unanimously voted in favour.
- **2005 Annual Report**: The chairman reported on the 2005 annual report, sent by mail to all the TC members. In summary he showed how the TC has been extremely active in promoting its activities during the past year.
- **New TC Members**: The following new TC members were nominated on-site and approved unanimously:
  - Prof. Tobi Delbruck
  - Prof. Eugenio Culurciello
  - Prof. Jinhu Lv
- **Election of New NSA TC Officers:**
  - Prof. Derong Liu succeeded Prof. Chin-Teng (CT) Lin as Chair of NSA TC.
  - Prof. Giacomo Indiveri was elected to Chair-Elect of NSA TC.
  - Prof. Wei Xing Zheng was elected to Secretary of NSA TC.
  - Prof. Shih-Chii Liu was nominated as candidate for the secretary-elect position and her election was approved with 12 votes against 9.
- **NSATC Web Page**: Prof. Wei Xing Zheng will take on the responsibility of updating the NSATC webpage.
- **Other Business**:
  - Prof. Pamela A. Abshire put a motion suggesting to adopt a standard for accepting high-quality papers at future ISCAS conferences. Specifically she proposed that experimental details should not be excluded in the submission of a paper, not optional. She volunteered to write a document with guidelines and to submit it to the attention of the NSA-TC.
  - Prof. H. K. Kwan mentioned that special sessions may take care of such papers and Track Chair should make a judgment on such papers.
  - Prof. Derong Liu encouraged the members to submit or organize special sessions for ISCAS'2007 in our TC Track so as to increase the visibility of the TC.
  - Prof. Derong Liu encouraged various publication activities, such as journal papers, edited books and so on.

- o Prof. Bert Shi brought to attention 2006 CNN Conference in Istanbul. The deadline is June 5, 2006. This is a biannual conference.
- o Prof. H.K. Kwan briefed the CAS Society VP Technical Meeting:
  - There will be multiple tutorial-type conferences.
  - The Society budgeted $40K for proposed promotion activities in order to attract new members to the CAS Society.
  - There will be support for students to attend conferences.
  - From 2006 onwards, only electronic election of BoG will be conducted. Now 2% signatures from the Society are required for nomination.
- o It is noticed that the following persons will run for BoG in 2006: Prof. Wai-Chi Fang, Prof. Julie Pau-Choo Chung, Prof. Steve Wong.
- o We thanked Chin-Teng (CT) Lin for his fine leadership of the TC and welcomed Derong Liu as the new Chair.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.