

Minutes of the IEEE CAS Technical Committee meeting of Multimedia Systems and Applications:

Time: 12:15 pm – 13:45 pm

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Place: ICME 2003, Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD, USA

In attendance:

1. Liang-Gee Chen (Chair)
2. Oscar Au (HKUST)
3. Ming Ting Sun (UW)
4. Hui Cheng (Sarnoff)
5. Yu Hen Hu (U. Wisconsin-Madison)
6. Yun Q. Shi (NJIT)
7. John R. Smith (IBM)
8. Milind R. Naphade (IBM)
9. Jie Chen (Brown U.)
10. Ray Liu (U. Maryland)
11. Aggelos Katsaggelos (Northwest U.)
12. Tsung-Han Tsai (NCU)
13. Hung-Chi Fang (NTU)
14. Yuwen Huang (NTU)
15. John Jachalsey (U. Hannover)
16. Chung-Sheng Li (IBM)
17. Ching-Yung Lin (IBM)
18. Alex Loui (Kodak)
19. Changwen Chen (Florida Tech.)
20. Joern Ostermann (U. Hannover)
21. Shih-Fu Chang (Columbia U.)

1. *Welcome*

2. *Approval of minutes of ICME 2002 meeting:*

A copy of the minutes were circulated to the members of the technical committee by email prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Introduction and Welcome*

TC chair addressed his welcome to all members and guests, especially the special guest of the TPC chair, Prof. Ray Liu, of ICME 2003.

Each attendee introduced himself to all.

4. *Appointment of Secretary*

According to our bylaw, our current secretary, Wai-Chi Fang, will be the chair-elec. And we need to elect new secretary. Oscar Au was nominated by Chung-Sheng and was elected as secretary.

5. *Reports from BOG and Technical Activities:*

Since Peter Pirsch can't attend the meeting, we will invite him to have an email description about the related issues from IEEE in BOG meetings.

T-MM will double the income and page amount in the next year. There will require more AEs. For those interesting in the editing volunteer work can contact with EIC of T-MM, Prof. Tsuhan Chen.

6. *Reports of conference activities:*

Report on ISCAS 2003: ISCAS 2003 was held on May 25-28, 2003 at Bangkok, Thailand. The submission is quite good. There were more than 1800 submissions, compared with 1448 for ISCAS 2002. The submission related to Multimedia Systems and Applications grew very big. There were 186 submissions, compared with 74 submissions in year 2002. This makes we need to reject 75 submissions. Unfortunately, due to the SARS disease, many authors and presenters withdraw their plan at the last moment. The attendee of ISCAS was only around 600 persons. Many papers are no shown. The BOG meeting of CAS and our TC meeting are also cancelled due to few members can come. There were two special sessions organized by our members. One is "Security and Data Hiding" by Yun Q. Shi, Oscar Au and Jiwu Huang. The other one is "Multimedia Transmission" by Jie Chen. Each session has 11 papers.

Report on ICME 2003: ICME 2004 was the 2nd ICME in the continental USA (the first being in New York City in 2000). The conference was managed by a professional managements service (Conference Management Services) for the first time in the 4 year history of ICME. As a conference, ICME 2003 was successful with more than 700 submissions and more than 400 acceptances. There were 612 attendees. Seventy five (75) papers were transferred from the cancelled ICASSP 2003 in HongKong, which will also be printed in the ICME 2003 proceedings. The Expo part was not as much successful as in NYC version of ICME 3 years ago (only book publishers were present). Technical Program Committee Chair, Prof. Ray Liu, mentioned that excluding the special section, accepted rate is low than 50%. Many papers of presenters are disappeared, especially from Asia. There even was a section which supposes to have 10 papers and only 5 papers shows up. I think authors who cannot attend should give a response at least. That's the responsibility of the authors. I suggest we can collect all of the papers which didn't show up could influence the acceptance in the future.

Report on ICME 2002: None of the organizers of ICME 2002 were present at the meeting. However, Pascal Frossard – an organizer for ICME 2002 at EPFL, Switzerland – had sent a report on ICME 2002 to steering committee. The salient aspects of the report were that ICME 2002 was a financial success. It reported an approximate \$70,000 profit. Audit has been completed, and the books have been closed.

7. *Plans for Tutorial/Special Sessions for ISCAS 2004 and ICME 2004:*

So far, there isn't any proposals yet for these two major conferences. ISACS 2004 will be held on May 23-25, 2004, Vancouver, Canada. The conference theme is

"World prosperity through information processing, enhancement, and distribution". The special session chairs are: Majid Ahmadi <ahmadi@uwindsor.ca> and Paulo Diniz <diniz@lps.ufrj.br>. ICME 2004 will be held on June 27-30 at Taipei, Taiwan. The chairs of special sessions are: Dr. Tian Qi (tian@i2r.a-star.edu.sg) and to Dr. Nevenka Dimitrova (nevenka.dimitrova@philips.com). Chair, Prof. Liang-Gee Chen encouraged all our members to help propose special session in order to promote the activity of our TC.

The reference web sites of these two conferences are:

ISCAS 2004 -- <http://www.iscas2004.org/>

ICME 2004 --- <http://www.iis.sinica.edu.tw/ICME04/>

8. *Award Recognition:*

Our Members, Chung-Sheng Li, Wai-Chi Fang, Toshio Koga, and Homer Chen have been elected as IEEE fellow. Congratulation to them!!

Chung-Sheng Li has received the first paper award of Transactions on Multimeida.

9. *Recruiting of new members:*

There are some nominations for the new members. Their bios will be circulated to all members and approved by on-line email later.

10. *New Business:*

Members are concerned about the possibility of the paper with no-shown. Some discussions about to create a commitment form for author when they submit the paper and some suggestions on the late decision for the boulder line papers.

These suggestions will pass to the future conference organizers.

Meeting Adjourned.

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