

GC'20 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 15, 2020, from 10:30 to 12:30 (EDT)
(Over Zoom – recording: <http://bit.ly/3jC1rTQ>)

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Approval of minutes for meetings at ICC20.
3. Elections
4. Report on SIG activities
5. TC-endorsed conferences
6. Other business

A motion for approving the agenda was presented by Aiman Erbad and seconded by Lynda Mokdad. The motion carried.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was led by Adlen Ksentini (TC Chair), who identified the TC executive for the current term, namely.

- Chair – Adlen Ksentini
- Vice Chair – Abdellatif Kobbane
- Secretary – Abd-Elhamid M. Taha

He noted that the mailing list currently has more than 330 subscribers to date.

Attendance was noted through Zoom participation list.

Approval of minutes for meetings at ICC20.

Prior to the meeting, the minutes for ICC20 have been posted on the TC website for review. Floor was opened for remarks on the minutes.

A motion for approving the GC20 was presented Ayman Radwan and seconded by Melike Erol-Kantarci. The motion carried.

Update on website, e-Letter

Abd-Elhamid provided an update was provided on the status of the TC website, i.e., <https://commsoft.committees.comsoc.org/>. Executive welcomed suggestions on improving the usability and ease of access.

For the e-Letter, a report was provided by the e-Letter's new EiCs, Maoayad Aloqaily and Aiman Erbad. An e-Letter with a new format was released before the meeting. The content included

- About
- Links
- Awards/Distinctions
- Highly Cited Researcher
 - Top 2% in the World
 - Web of Science
- Best Paper Awards, Popular Articles, Editorial Appointment, Patents
- Ongoing Research Projects
- Past Events
- Upcoming Events: Conferences, Workshops, Special Issues
- Best Reader
- COVID-19 Update

The e-Letter EiCs encouraged members to contribute to the next issue in Spring 2021.

Update on liaisons

Standardization Activities (Abd-Elhamid Taha): Members interested in contributing to ComSoc standardization activities are welcome. Other contributions include championing an SI in the ComSoc standards magazine, and occasional funding availability for standards-related research/investigations.

Elections

The Chair noted that elections were held in the period prior to the meeting. According to the acting P&P, the elections were held for the secretary position, with the chair exiting the executive, the vice-chair becoming chair, and the secretary becoming vice-chain. A nomination committee was constituted by the Chair in the following structure.

- Chair: Prof. Hacène Fouchal (former chair of the TC, University of Reims)
- Members: Pr. Hossam Hassanein (Queen's University), Prof. Cheng Li (Memorial University), Jalel Ben Othman (University of Paris 13)

The committee received four nominations, and one was rejected due to not satisfying the "active" member status as per the P&P. Candidate information was provided on the TC website, and active members received an invitation to vote anonymously using the tool Balotilo (<https://www.balotilo.org/>). The vote was observed by TC Director, Stefano Galli.

Election results will be communicated in the mailing list once approved.

Report on SIG Activities

Merwane Ayaida stated the importance of SIGs, especially as TCB P&P states that “Special Interest Groups (SIGs) help the TC foster the scientific and technological development in topical emerging technologies within the scope of the TC. SIGs may be created to promote activities in well-established technologies.”

To date, the CommSoft TC has six SIGs, as listed below.

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Big Data Communication Software	H. Moun gla	hassine.moungla@parisdescartes.fr
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Communication Software for Vehicular Ad hoc Networks	H. Fouchal	Hacene.Fouchal@univ-reims.fr
ML and AI for Networking	M. Erol-Kantarci	Melike.erolkantarci@uottawa.ca
NFV and SDN Technologies	S. Misra	smisra@sit.iitkgp.ernet.in
Performance Evaluation	A. Kobbane	abdellatif.kobbane@um5.ac.ma
Security in Software Communication	Eric Renault	eric.renault@esiee.fr

Members interested in joining any of the standing SIGs are to contact the respective SIG coordinator. Members interested in establishing new SIGs can consult the TC chair.

Details on the reported activities can be found in the meeting presentation provided in the following link.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/9gpenbxhq8917jw/TC_CS_Slides_GCv3.pdf?dl=0

TC endorsed and supported conferences

Adlen encouraged members to relate any involvement on their side to any of the TC executive member before the next meeting.

As for the CommSoft's support for ICC and GC Symposia, the following assignments were relayed.

- ▶ ICC'21, Montreal
 - Adlen Ksentini for CSM symposium (confirmed)
- ▶ GC'21, Madrid
 - Hassine Moun gla for CSM symposium (confirmed)
- ▶ ICC'22, Seoul
 - Marwan Ayaida for CSM symposium (confirmed)
- ▶ GC'22, Rio de Janeiro
 - Sameh Sorour for CSM symposium (nominated)
 - Ayman Merwan for NGNI (nominated)

For ICC'21, the following statistics were relayed for

- Submissions: 69
- Accepted papers – pending
- Acceptance rate – pending

Meanwhile, CommSoft is seeking highly motivated candidates for symposium chairs for CSSMA and NGNI in the following events.

- ICC 23 (Rome, Italy)

Other Items and Discussion

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting he resides over as Chair, and that elections results would be reiterated once approved. He wishes the new executive best of luck in their terms, and noted that he will continue to support the TC in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 (EDT) on December 15, 2020.