GLOBECOM '21 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Nov 23nd , 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM EST (US and Canada)

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction by the TC Chair
2. Technical Achievement Award
3. Approval of minutes for meetings at ICC21
4. SIG Activities
5. Virtual Seminar Series
6. Updates on e-Letter
7. TC endorsed conferences
8. Miscellanies

A motion for approving the agenda was presented by Jalel Ben Othman and seconded by Adlen Ksentini. The motion carried.

All members were Kindly invited to share their name, affiliation and email in the chat (First Last, Good University, first.last@gooduniversity.edu
Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was led by Abdellatif Kobbane (TC Chair), who identified the TC executive for the current term, namely.
- Chair – Abdellatif Kobbane
- Vice Chair – Abd-Elhamid M. Taha

- Secretary – Hassine Moungla

He noted that the mailing list currently has more than 378 subscribers to date.

Attendance was noted through Zoom participation list.

Technical Achievement Award

Abdellatif Kobbane identified the TC-COMMSOFT Award SubCommittee, namely:
- Cheng Li
- Jalel Ben-Othman
- Adlen Ksentini

The Technical Achievement Award once per year in GC meeting. This year Prof. Lynda Mokdad and Prof. Jun Zheng were awarded.

Approval of minutes for meetings at ICC 21.

Prior to the meeting, the minutes for ICC 21 have been posted on the TC website for review. Floor was opened for remarks on the minutes.

A motion for approving the ICC 21 was presented Ayman Radwan and seconded by Melike Erol-Kantarci. The motion carried.

Update on website

Hassine Moungla provided an update 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.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) activities

Merwane Ayaida stated the importance of SIGs, especially (a) The need that each TC has SIGs And (b) 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."

The VP on Technical Committee confirmed the need that each TC has SIGs

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

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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://cloud.parisdescartes.fr/index.php/s/MkRkTskeZH5RMna

CommSoft TC Virtual TC Seminar Series

Abd-Elhamid M. Taha presented the CommSoft TC Virtual TC Seminar Series which aimed to boost the TC activities.

He reminds that a set of seminars need to take place at a reasonable pace, and to engage other ComSoc elements. In inception, the series is supported by ComSoc Saudi Arabia and ComSoc office in NY. Two instances in the second half :
- Sep 1; Nelson Fonseca; "Federated Learning: State of the Art, Current Trend and Challenges "
- Nov 8; Ekram Hossain ; "Computation Offloading and Activation of Mobile Edge Computing Servers Using Minority Game Models "Two instances so far
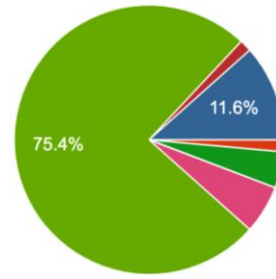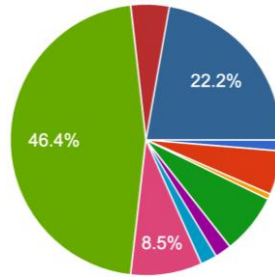

Upcoming events for 2021 :
- Dr. Michele Nogueira. (Dec)

For 2022, we welcome ideas for speakers, engagement with other TCs or other chapters.
Support needed in reaching out to Region 9 (Latin America) and Region 10 (Asia and Pacific).

Region 1 (Northeastern US)
Region 2 (Eastern US)
Region 3 (Southern US)
Region 4 (Central US)
Region 5 (Southwestern US)
Region 6 (Western US)
Region 7 (Canada)
Region 8 (Africa, Europe, Middle East)

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eLetter

For the e-Letter, a report was provided by the e-Letter's 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
- Best Paper Awards
- Certificate of appreciation and Excellence
- Popular Articles
- Editorial Appointment
- Books
- Patents
- Special Interest Groups Activities
- Ongoing Research Projects
- Past Events
- Upcoming Events
- TC Virtual Seminar Series

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

TC endorsed and supported conferences

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

TC Endorsed Conferences

- ICC'22, Seoul
  - Marwane Ayaida for CSM symposium (confirmed)
- GC'22, Rio de Janeiro
  - Sameh Sorour for CSM symposium (confirmed)
  - Ayman Merwan for NGNI (nominated)
- ICC'23, Rome (Nomination)
  - Ahmed Refaey, Hyunbum Kim, Mervat Abu-Elkheir for CSM symposium

- Hassine Moungla, Najah Abu Ali, Sudip Misra for NGNI symposium
- Mohamed El Kamili for IoT & Sensor networks symposium
- GC'23, (Nomination) ?

For communication Software, and Multimedia symposium (CSSMA),the following statistics were relayed for :

ICC 2021
- Submissions: 70
- Accepted papers: 28

GC 2021
- Submissions: 99
- Accepted papers ~ 40

Based on the submissions trend GC 19 onward …

CSSMA@?	ICC 17	GC 17	ICC 18	GC 18	ICC 19	GC 19	ICC 20	GC 20	ICC21	GC21	ICC 22
Submissions	68	91	84	104	82	121	87	71	70	99	55

Abdellatif urges the TC member to put more efforts to increase the submission number

The CommSoft TC is seeking highly motivated candidates to be nominated as symposium chairs for CSM and NGNI
▸ The TC has one chair for CSM, and may nominate one chair for the NGNI symposium
▸ Current open calls for nominations : GC 23

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM EST (US and Canada) on Nov 23, 2021.