



Meeting Minutes

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Purpose of Meeting

Annual meeting of the IEEE Technical Committee on Communications Systems Integration and Modeling (CSIM-TC) which took place within IEEE ICC 2021.

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List of Participants

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7	Claudio Fiandrino	IMDEA Networks Institute, Spain
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13	George Kalfas	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
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32	Abd-Elhamid Taha	Alfaisal University, Saudi Arabia
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34	Damla Turgut	University of Central Florida, USA
35	John Vardakas	Iquadrat, Spain
36	Kun Yang	University of Essex, UK
37	Nizar Zorba	Qatar University, Qatar

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introduction

Nizar Zorba (CSIM chair) opened the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was presented to the attendees and approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes IEEE GLOBECOM 2020 (Virtual Conference)

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the last CSIM TC meeting at IEEE GLOBECOM 2020.

4. CSIM status, Future Technological Directions & Activities

Nizar explained the CSIM scope and domains of interest. Nizar also briefly explained the different of status of CSIM Member and of CSIM Active Member, by presenting the usual phases to increase volunteer involvement in the CSIM TC and showing some notable examples of CSIM members who have contributed/are contributing to ComSoc in various roles. As for the CSIM status, the number of members constantly increases, counting 779 at the moment of the meeting (+71 from last year). CSIM is also active on the social media, the mailing list and the main sections in the Website. Nizar thanked all CSIM volunteers. Finally, he thanked the CSIM Steering Committee members, recalling that CSIM steering committee is formed by past CSIM chairs and collaborates with the officers to ensure the smooth operation of the CSIM TC.

5. Updates about the election results

Nizar reported about the CSIM secretary election: the procedure, the candidates, and the results. Luca Foschini was voted as new secretary, while the other two candidates, Jonathan Rodriguez and Christos Tselios, accepted to volunteer helping, respectively, as CSIM TC representative in the ComSoc students competition and as the CSIM TC representative for ComSoc conference endorsements by TCs.

6. CSIM Newsletter

Nizar presented the CSIM newsletter for June 2021. The newsletter includes information about awards and distinctions granted to CSIM members, past and upcoming CSIM events (e.g.,

conferences, special issues, etc.) and research projects by CSIM members, among others. The Newsletter is distributed to the CSIM members through the mailing list and it is also available in the website. In October, Luca, who is the responsible editor for the newsletter, will ask for contributions for the upcoming Newsletters.

7. CSIM e-Seminars

Nizar reported about the e-Seminars that have been started by Burak Kantarci as means to meet and join together at COVID-19 times, and that he continued. Four seminars have been held and other two are planned for the next months. Recordings and slides are posted to the CSIM website and video made available on a dedicated CSIM YouTube channel. Nizar also reports that there was a good attendance between 40 and 50 people joining for each one of them, and that encourages to continue trying to have one talk per-month by skipping July due to vacation.

8. Updates on Awards

Nizar explained that in CSIM there are two awards per year: the Best Journal Paper Award and the Best Conference Award. The announcement for Awards will be posted soon on the CSIM mailing list. In the Globecom 2021, the winners will deliver a short presentation about their works.

9. Updates from Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Nizar introduced SIGs and reminded that typically SIGs can last +-3 years and then, possibly promoted to TCs or be concluded. Currently, there are five active CSIM SIGs and Nizar introduced John Vardakas and Nikos Pleros, and few other speakers, that have presented the "Converged Optical Wireless Technologies for 5G Networks: Modeling, Performance Evaluation and Optimization" SIG. Nizar also reminded that any CSIM member can propose a new SIG. After that, Nizar gave floor to John Vardakas and his colleagues who presented some notable results related to the SIG in the context of some EU projects, namely, MARSAL and 5G-PHOS.

10. Updates on Publications

Nizar reminded that for publication, CSIM is open to support anyone in setting up special issue in the core areas of interest for CSIM by putting who expresses such interest in touch with Editors in Chief. Likewise, CSIM can help in supporting members in applying as Distinguished Lecturer, Senior/Fellow Status, and as Editorial Board Members.

11. Sponsored Events

Regarding the technical endorsement of conferences and workshops, Nizar presented the three (3) events that have been endorsed by CSIM (Christos Tselios is the responsible officer) in 2021 so far.

CQRM (in GC and ICC) and CAMAD performance report for 2020-2022:

- CQRM in ICC and GC: Nizar underlines the importance of staying in 6%-7% of the total number of submissions in order to maintain CQRM as a stand-alone symposium.
- CAMAD 2021 (Virtual Conference): Nizar thanked OC members and underlined the importance to increase the number of submissions.
- Brief report about upcoming events (CQRM ICC/GC and CAMAD) in 2022 and 2023.

Nizar remarks that those who are interested in getting more involved in the organization of upcoming events should be in touch with him, Angelos, and Luca. Nizar also remarks the importance to contribute to publicity/advertisement of events, as well as increasing the participation to TPCs.

12. Other Business/Adjournment

Burak reported that Damla Turgut, nominated by CSIM, has been accepted as Distinguished Lecturer (DL), then he gave room to Damla who presented her Lecture Topics and Virtual Lecture Topics. Nizar asked Damla to deliver also a CSIM e-Seminar to the CSIM community.

Vincent Chen joined late and Nizar welcomed him, then Vincent asked where CSIM TC recognizes itself at the physical layer or at other higher layers. Nelson Fonseca explained that CSIM is inherently cross-layer, typically working as a user of the physical layer, so he would place the CSIM TC under networking and not physical layer. Then, Vincent commented about new structure of TCs, reporting that there was no much discussion yet about that and about the reorganization of TCs, and Nizar reports that there was no TC Board Meeting as usual. Vincent expressed worry that TCs should be more involved in this reorganization process and reported that he would contact Stefano Galli who will contact all TCs and CSIM TC to explain the updates. Nelson remarks the importance of ComSoc TCs.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:10 PM EST.