



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 (virtually) before IEEE Globecom 2022.

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List of Participants

No	Name	Affiliation
1	Nizar Zorba	Qatar University, Qatar
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5	Christos Verikoukis	Univ of Patras and ISI/ATHENA, Greece
6	Ahmed Refaey Hussein	University of Guelph, Canada
7	Armir Bujari	University of Bologna, Italy
8	Melike Erol-Kantarci	University of Ottawa & Ericsson, Canada
9	Luca Foschini	University of Bologna, Italy
10	Anish Jindal	Durham University, UK
11	Symeon Papavassiliou	National Technical University of Athens, Greece
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13	Shiwen Mao	Auburn University, USA
14	Ramón Agüero	University of Cantabria, Spain
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21	Burak Kantarci	University of Ottawa, Canada
22	Amr El-Wakeel	Queen's University, Canada
23	Christos Tselios	Citrix Systems / University of Patras, Greece
24	Kapal Dev	Munster Technological University, Ireland
25	Moayad Aloqaily	MBZUAI, UAE
26	Andrea Garbugli	University of Bologna, Italy
27	Alessandro Calvo	University of Bologna, Italy
28	Petros Spachos	University of Guelph, Canada
29	Nelson Fonseca	State University of Campinas, Brazil
30	Damla Turgut	University of Central Florida, USA
31	Hatim Chergui	i2CAT, Spain
32	Periklis Chatzimisios	International Hellenic University
33	Marco Di Renzo	CNRS & CentraleSupélec - Paris-Saclay University, France
34	Jaime Galán-Jiménez	University of Extremadura, Spain
35	Ismaeel Al Ridhaw	Kuwait College of Science and Technology,
36	Ouns Bouachir	Zayed University, UAE
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38	Khalil Ibrahim	Faculty of Sciences, Ibn-Tofail University, Morocco
39	Jonathan Rodriguez	Instituto de Telecomunicações, Portugal

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 ICC 2022 (Virtual Conference)

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the last CSIM TC IEEE ICC 2022 e-meeting.

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. Nizar also reminded that a CSIM Active Member is one who has attended (physically or by teleconference) two or more of the prior FIVE regularly scheduled CSIM meetings. As for the CSIM status, the number of members is 691 at the moment of the meeting. 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. CSIM is also active the social media, the mailing list and the main sections in the Website.

5. CSIM Newsletter

Nizar presented the CSIM newsletter for November 2022. 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. Input for the next Newsletters will be asked in March.

6. 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. Nizar shows the list of various seminars delivered in the last period. 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.

7. Updates on Awards

Nizar explained that in CSIM there are two awards per year, namely, the Best Journal Paper Award and the Best Conference Award. Nizar also presented the proposed Award Sub-committee that consists of 5 members, including Burak Kantarci, Fabrizio Granelli, Damla Turgut, Luca Foschini, and Ahmed Refaey and asked for approval. The committee unanimously approved the proposed Award Sub-Committee.

8. CSIM Elections

Nizar reported an extract from the P&P about the election procedures in the CSIM TC. Then, Nizar proposes the CSIM Election Sub-committee that consists of 3 members, including Burak Kantarci, Stefano Giordano, Nelson Fonseca and asked for approval. The committee unanimously approved the proposed CSIM Elections Sub-committee. Afterward, Nizar reminds that since Angelos will not be able to continue serving as officer, and to maintain continuity, Luca Foschini will be the chair, and there will be call for 2 positions: Vice-chair and Secretary. Finally, Nizar reminds the procedure to follow for the elections. Burak and Luca thank Nizar and Angelos for their contributions to the CSIM TC.

9. Updates on Standardization, Student Competition, from Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and TC Restructure

About standardization, Nizar gave word to Stefano Giordano who reported about the current situation of standardization activities and about the conference organized by Periklis Chatzimisios on standardization in Thessaloniki. Periklis reported briefly about the conference.

Afterward, Nizar gave room to Jonathan Rodriguez who reported about the current status in of the Student Competition where he is evaluation committee member representing CSIM.

Then, 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. Nizar then introduced Kapal Dev, who updated about the activities of the Industrial Communication Networks (ICN) SIG.

Finally, Nizar reported about ongoing TC Restructuring process and reminded everyone that feedbacks on that are important.

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. Nizar also thanked CSIM Distinguished Lecturers Giorgio Quer, Melike Erol-Kantarci, and Damla Turgut.

11. Sponsored Events

Regarding the technical endorsement of conferences and workshops, Nizar presented the full list of events that were asking for an endorsement by highlighting those that obtained it by the CSIM, namely, CNSM 2022, GIIS 2022, FRUCT 32 2022, and IRASET 2022.

Nizar reported CQRM (in GC and ICC) and CAMAD performance report for 2022-2023:

- CQRM in ICC and GC: Nizar reports CSIM representatives acting as TPC Co-Chairs.
- CAMAD 2022: Nizar thanked OC members and underlined the importance to always stay above 100 submissions;
- Brief report about upcoming events (CQRM ICC/GC and CAMAD) in 2022 and 2023.
- Brief introduction about CAMAD 2023 where there are some proposals at the current stage, final decision will be finalized by the Steering Committee soon.

Nizar remark 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

Nizar asked if there is any other business and/or question and remarked that for any issue, it is possible to reach Nizar, Angelos, and Luca by email.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:55 PM CET.