

IEEE Information Theory Society Board of Governors Meeting
Restaurant Angiol d'Or, Parma, Italy, October 11, 2004

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Attendees: John Anderson, Jean-Claude Bellifore, Guiseppe Caire, Thomas Cover, Dave Forney, Marc Fossorier, Tom Fuja, Tor Helleseth, Johannes Huber, Hideki Imai, Torleiv Kløve, Ryuji Kohno, Steven W. McLaughlin, Mehul Motani, Vincent Poor, Shlomo Shamai, Han Vinck.

- (d) ITW 2005, New Zealand: It was reported that the web site for the workshop was up and ready and that the Call For Papers was out.
 - (e) ITW 2005, Japan: It was reported that the dates for the workshop had been chosen as 16-19 October 2005. The workshop will focus on developments at the boundary of information theory and information security.
 - (f) HISC 2005, Hawaii: It was reported that the Call For Papers was out. The Board unanimously approved co-sponsorship of HISC 2005, which is a joint conference if IEICE and SITA. By technically co-sponsoring the conference, the Society hopes to promote interaction with SITA.
 - (g) ISIT 2007: There were two proposals presented to the Board for hosting ISIT 2007, one from Norway and one from France. The Norwegian proposal was for the beginning of July 2007 in Bergen, Norway. The French proposal was for end of June 2007 in Nice, France. Both proposal were well planned and it was agreed that either site would be appropriate. There was much Q & A and discussion of both proposals.
The Board voted in favor of the proposal from France.
 - (h) ISIT 2006, Seattle: There was nothing to report.
6. Marc Fossorier presented the Treasurer's report. The Society's net worth as of September 2004 was reviewed. There was nothing new to report regarding the finance activities of the Society conferences and workshops.
 7. The IT Transactions Editor-in-Chief gave an update on the Society Transactions. He noted that web based submissions were running smoothly with the Pareja system.
The EIC reviewed the mail dates, page counts, and page budgets of the Transactions, noting that the annual volume was increasing with a 28% increase projected in 2004.
The EIC pointed out a Joint special issue of the IEEE Transactions on Information Theory and the IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking on the topic of Networking and Information Theory. It was noted that submission for the special issue will be through Pareja.
It was announced that Lynn Stetson has been appointed the Editorial Assistant for the Transactions, replacing Katherine Perry.
It was announced that, effective October 1, 2004, Gerhard Kramer would assume the role of Publications Editor for the Transactions, replacing Bruce Moison.
The EIC submitted three new associate editor appointments for Board approval: Eiji Okamoto (Tsukuba University) for Complexity and Cryptography), Michelle Eros (Caltech) for Source Coding, and Yossef Steinberg (Technion) for Shannon Theory.
The Board unanimously approved all three AE appointments.
 8. The report of the Society Publications committee was then discussed. The main point of discussion was the open meeting on IT Society Publications that was held at ISIT in Chicago. Overall, it was concluded that the open meeting was a useful way for members to give feedback and there will be another open meeting next year.

13. New Business

- (a) The Board unanimously approved the purchase of the itsoc.org domain name for the Society webpages.
- (b) The Board thanks Hideki Imai for his outstanding service as Society President.
- (c) The Board thanks Tom Fuja for his long-standing service to the Society and to the information theory community.

14. It was announced that the first 2005 Board meeting will be held in conjunction with CISS in March 2005 in Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA. The second 2005 Board meeting will be held at ISIT in September 2005 in Adelaide, Australia.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 21:00.