TCCC Meeting Minutes - INFOCOM '99

The TCCC meeting at INFOCOM '99 was held on March 23, 1999 in New York, NY. The meeting was chaired by Roch Guerin.

Conference and Workshop Update

Ioannis Stavrakakis presented an update on the conferences and workshops in which TCCC is involved.

Globecom '99
The Globecom '99 deadline was extended due to a blackout in the days before the deadline. There were 1150 submissions to the conference and TCCC was involved in the organization of the High-Speed Networks and Global Internet min-conferences. Mark Karol, the technical chair for the High-Speed Networks mini-confernece, reported that a good collection of papers totaling 75 had been submitted so far. In addition a number of invited tutorials would also be added to the program. Each submitted paper would be reviewed by 3 TPC members. Sugih Jamin reported on the Global Internet mini-conference. 33 papers that were rejected by SIGCOMM were considered for Global Internet along with new submissions. Reviews for the papers will be returned to authors who will be able to rebut reviewers comments.

Globecom '98
There were 1100 submissions for Globecom '98 and 730 papers were accepted. TCCC organized 5 sessions made up of approximately 100 papers. Dilip Kandlur reported that Global Internet '98 had 20 direct submissions and 100 submissions through Globecom. The routing process for papers through Globecom did not work well. The number of papers accepted was 16. In addition there were several tutorial sessions.

Infocom '99
The acceptance rate for Infocom '99 was 32%. There were 750 registered participants which was a 15% increase from the previous year.

Infocom 2000
This conference will be held on March 26-30, 2000 in Tel-Aviv, Israel. The deadline for papers is July 1, 1999. Information about the conference can be obtained at http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/~rom/infocom2000. Anyone planning to attend was advised to make reservations well in advance as the dates coincide with the Pope's planned trip to Israel.

Computer Communications Workshops
The 13th Computer Communications Workshop was held on October 11-14 1998 in Oxford, MS. The workshop was successful with 50 participants and a variety of session topics. Ness Shroff, the organizer for the 14th Computer Communications Workshop, reported that the workshop is scheduled for October 17-20 at Estes Park, Colarado. It is anticpated that the cost for the workshop will $320 which will include breakfast, 2 lunches and a banquet.

Other conference reports were presented on ICC '99, ICC 2000, WCNC '99, MILCOM, LAN/MAN workshop and IwQoS.

Discussion

After concluding the conference update discussion, Roch Guerin raised the issue that the ICC '99 and IWQoS conferences are in conflict with each other. He wanted input on whether the next TCCC meeting should be changed to be at the IWQoS workshop since there were a large number of TCCC members who would be attending it. It was decided that an email be circulated to all members to solicit their input.

Roch then brought up the issue of conference overload for TCs. He mentioned that there were a lot of requests from

conference organizers for sponsorship from TCCC and other TCs. Currently these requests are handled by the TCCC chair with input from the other officers. Roch was soliciting input on whether this procedure should be changed or if committee members had any suggestions regarding the criteria for choosing to sponsor a conference. There were several comments from members who mentioned timing, track record and quality as possible criteria in choosing to sponsor a workshop. Any comments regarding this shouldl be sent to Roch.

Roch also mentioned that the 2-year term of the TCCC officers was coming to an end. Hence, new elections for these positions were to be held by email. Further information would be forthcoming on the mailing list.

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