

# IEEE Communications Society eHealth Technical Committee

Meeting held on Monday May 22th, 2017 during IEEE ICC 2017, Paris, France.

Monday, May 22th, 2017, 17:00-19:00., Hyatt Regency Hotel, Luxembourg-Tuileries, France.

Chaired by Dr. Nazim Agoulmine, eHealth TC Chair

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## 1. Welcome/Introduction

The Chair shortly introduced the agenda of the meeting, which was accepted by attendees. A welcome message reminding the objective of the TC has been presented.

eHealth TC Indicators about subscription to the TC have been presented:

- 14 new subscriptions since last meeting (158 members in the TC)

eHealth TC members (3 first countries are US(69), Taiwan(13), Brasil/France/Italy(8))

- The numbers are not very big especially for countries with high potential
- Members need to attract more members
- This indicator could serve to identify countries to host Healthcom in the future.

## 2. Approval of eHealth TC GC'16 meeting Minutes

*Last minutes approved by all participating members*

## 3. Feedback from the award committee chair

A eHealth-TC Award subcommittee has been nominated by the chair

1. The award subcommittee is the body responsible for indicating to the eHealth-TC Chair those individuals to receive awards.

Award Committee

- Prof J.N De Souza (Brazil/ America)
- Prof Kaoru Sezaki (Japan/Asia)
- Prof Tony Sahama (Australia)
- Prof Hassine Moun gla (France/Europe)

2 calls for awards have been issued during the last period:

- Conference Best Paper Award;
- Best Paper Award;

The feedback from the Award Committee chair is that "Number of nominations were very low" especially from eHealth tracks chairs (GC'16-15-14 and ICC'16-15-14 eHealth Tracks). The TC and Award committee regret this situation and remind that chairs of previous eHealth tracks are committed to collaborate with the TC and contribute to its activities.

The chair of the TC has reminded the request: chairs of previous eHealth events (2014-2017) namely (Healthcom, GC eHealth track and ICC eHealth Track) are requested to submit a short list of the 3 best ranked papers of their track along with the reviews to the Award committee chair to consider them in the process.

**A new date will be fixed shortly to give more time for proposers to submit their proposal.**

## 4. Appointment of Chairs for Upcoming Events

The chair informed the TC that he was solicited to nominate chairs for the upcoming 2018 and 2019 events (eHealth tracks during GC and ICC).

The chair informed the TC that all previous chairs of ICC, GC were nominated by the previous chair.

- **IEEE ICC 2015** Track chair: HP.Ma
- **IEEE Globecom 2015** Track Chair: C.Verikoukis
- **IEEE ICC 2016** Track chair: J.Rodrigues
- **IEEE Globecom 2016** Track chair : J.Loret
- **IEEE ICC 2017** Track chair: J.Loret
- **IEEE Globecom 2017** Track chair : J.Trodrigues

As a reminder, previous chairs of Healthcom conferences are the following:

- **IEEE Healthcom 2015** GC: J.Rodrigues / TPC: H.Wang and N.Agoulmine
- **IEEE Healthcom 2016** GC: C.Thuemmler, C.Bai, / TPC: A.Schneider, J.Rodrigues, M.Volk
- **IEEE Healthcom 2017** GC: C.Pan, Lei Shu/TPC: Liming Chen, J.Rodrigues, A.Neto

Nominated chairs for future eHealth tracks are the following

- **IEEE ICC 2018 –** Track chair: W.Li, University of Victoria, - Nominated solely by ICC General Chair.
- **IEEE Globecom 2018** Track chair: N.Philips (nominated by TC)
- **IEEE ICC 2019** Looking for 2 volunteers to be endorsed
- **IEEE Healthcom 2019** Call for Organisation//Looking for volunteers
- **IEEE Globecom 2019** Looking for 2 volunteers to be endorsed

**The chair reminds that an illegibility rule was voted in the TC to avoid multiple chairing of eHealth tracks and conference (Healthcom, GC and ICC) and this should be strictly followed for all future nominations.**

## 5. Appointment of Chairs for Future Events

The chair has reminded the open positions for chairing future *eHealth tracks during ICC 2019 and Globecom 2019 (a call for application was previously send to the mailing list).*

*The chair has reminded the requirements and illegibility rule:*

- *Give more chances to active members of the TC*
- *Give more chance to active young members*
- *Attract new members*
- *Improve gender balance*
- **Illegibility:**
  - **Active member of the TC**
  - **Not chaired more then 2 times any eHealth TC main event during a period of 2 years.**
  - **Not chaired the same eHealth TC events during the last 2 years.**
- **Commitments :**
  - Should attend and chair the track personally.
  - Should present a feedback during the eHealth TC meeting
  - Should provide information to officers (proactively and whenever requested).

There are 4 candidates for these 2 positions:

3 candidates have presented their application (Giorgio Quer, UCSD for GC 2019 eHealth track, Prof. Hassine Moun gla, University of Paris Descartes, Paris, France for ICC/ Globecom eHealth track, **Andrea Sciarrone for ICC/Globecom eHealth tracks**)

1 application (H.Wang, secretary of the TC for GC 2019 eHealth track) was presented by the chair.

After discussions in the TC, the TC has approved the following decision

The TC agree to present 2 nominations per position (the general chair of the event will make the final decision)

- ICC 2019 (Nominated members: **Hassine Moun gla and Honggang Wang**)
- GC 2019 (Nominated members: **Giorgio Quer and Andrea Sciarrone**)

## 6. Conference TCE requests and approvals

The chair has informed the TC about the nomination of Endorsement subcommittee.

- **Endorsement subcommittee (appointed by chair)**
  - Augusto Neto, UFRN, Brazil
  - Zaher Dawy, AUB, Lebanon
- **Requirements:**
  - *eHealth topic explicitly addressed/TPC/history/etc.*
  - *Collaborate with the eHealth TC*
  - *Members of the eHealth TC to be invited to the Conference TPC/OC*
  - *Members of the endorsed Event to become members of the eHealth TC*
  - *Providing a post-conference report (before future endorsement req).*

The subcommittee has reviewed two applications during the last period and submitted their feedbacks to the chair and vice chair. The final decisions are the following:

- *FRUCT 2017 (approved)*
- *INTEC 2017 (not approved)*

## 7. Standard activities

The eHealth TC Standards Liaison (Dr. Zaher Dawy) presented an overview on recent standardization activities related to Tactile Internet. He noted that there is an opportunity for eHealth TC members to contribute to the Tactile Internet standard (IEEE SA – P1918.1). A first step in this direction would be to define a tactile internet use case for remote surgery. Interested members were asked to contact him at [zd03\(at\)aub.edu.lb](mailto:zd03(at)aub.edu.lb).

## 8. Newsletter

The chair has acknowledge "Prof Mauro Oliveira (IFCE Aracati)" for his efforts as editor of the newsletter during his term and thank very much Prof Nada Philip (Kingston University, UK) for accepting to take this responsibility from now.

- 1 new newsletters has been issued and published on the website:

– March- April 2017

- The chair has reminded the importance of this activity for the members and invite all members to contribute to future newsletter in particular for for May-June 2017 and Jul-August 2017 (contact Prof Nada Philip: N.Philip(at)kingston.ac.uk).

## 9. TC Special Interest Groups (eHealth SIG)

The chair has introduced the objective of a SIG and its importance as premise to initiate new Journal special Issues, workshop proposal, collaborative research project and standardization group.

- The chair has indicated that the TC has **not been good** in this activity and call all members to make proposals. The TC will be very happy to support the initiators and help them as much as possible.

## 10. Journal/Magazine publications

The chair has reminded that the TC is also available to support proposals for special issues on IEEE journals(Wireless Communications, Commag, Jsac, etc.). **Any member of the TC can make a proposal.**

The chair also request member who have been involved in any Special Issue in eHealth to inform the officers and publish the information on the website.

## 11. Conferences activities updates

The chair has presented the information about previously organised eHealth events endorsed by the eHealth TC.

**The TC regrets that the chairs didn't provide in due time the information to be presented to the members.**

The chair reminds that it is the responsibility of the chairs to send a report after the event to the eHealth TC officers to inform them about the events (submissions, acceptance, evaluation process, presentation session, improvements, ...). This information is required to be presented to the community.

Portfolio of eHealth TC associated conferences/ workshops:

- **IEEE ICC 2016 - SAC Track on eHealth May 23-27, 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
  - Track chair: J.Rodrigues
  - Number of submissions: ?
  - Nmber of acceptance: ?
  - Comments: ?
- **IEEE Healthcom 2016,14-17 September 2016, Munich, Germany**
  - TPC co-chair: Armin Schneider, Technische Universität München, Germany, Joel Rodrigues, IT/UBI, Portugal, Mojca Volk, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
  - Number of submissions: ?
  - Number of acceptances: ?
  - Comments: ?

- **IEEE Globecom 2016, 4-8 December 2016, Washington, USA**
  - Chair: Jaime Lloret (UP Valencia, Spain)
  - Number of submissions: ?
  - Number of acceptances: ?
  - Comments: ?
- **IEEE ICC 2017, 21-27 May 2017, Paris, France**
  - Chair: Jaime Lloret (UP Valencia, Spain)
  - Number of submissions: ?
  - Number of acceptances: ?
  - Comments: ?

## 12. Open Discussions and Other Business

The chair presented some information and proposals to Comsoc and the TC members!

### Information:

- Decision for HC 2018 has not been made.

### Proposal:

- The chair has proposed to Comsoc that all future eHealth TC chair become automatically member of the Health Steering Committee during their mandate to strengthen the relation between the SC and the TC.
- The chair has requested that the relation between Healthcom conference and the SC be more formalized since Healthcom is so far the flagship conference of the TC.

## 13. List of Attendees: 22 participants

