

**IEEE Communications Society
eHealth Technical Committee Meeting**

**IEEE GLOBECOM 2019,
Hilton Waikoloa Village, Huawaii, USA**

Held on Wednesday December 11th 2019, 12:30 – 13:30 during IEEE GLOBECOM 2019, Huawaii, USA, Paniolo II, Merriott hotel.

Chaired by Dr. Hsi-Pin Ma, eHealth TC Chair;
Minute by Dr. Andrea Sciarrone, eHealth TC Secretary.

1. Welcome/Introduction

The Chair shortly introduced the agenda of the meeting, which was approved by the attendees. A welcome message reminding the objective of the TC has been presented. The officers and the members of the Steering committee have been presented.

2. Approval of IEEE ICC 2019 meeting minutes

The minutes of the IEEE ICC 2019 (available at http://site.ieee.org/com-ehealth/files/2019/06/Minute_FINAL.pdf) meeting has been unanimously approved by the TC.

3. New TC Officers Elections

The election of the new officer for the Secretary position has been held during the TC meeting in Waikoloa, USA.

Due to the TC OP&P only the Secretary position is available every 2 years. From January, 1st 2020 the current Secretary (Dr. Andrea Sciarrone) becomes the new Vice-Chair and the current Vice-Chair (Dr. Honggang Wang) becomes the new Chair. The current Chair (Dr. Hsi-Pin Ma) ends his term on December, 31th 2019.

Consequently, the N&E committee is in charge of selecting candidates and verifying that each candidate has the requirements to be elected.

The N&E, formed by the TC meeting at ICC19 (May 22, 2019), is composed as follow:

- Prof. Hsi-Pin Ma, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
- Prof. Joel J. P. C. Rodrigues, National Institute of Telecommunications, Brazil; Instituto de Telecomunicações, Portugal
- Prof. Augusto Neto, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
- Dr. Igor Bisio, Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy

Considering his spontaneous candidature and given the fact that no other candidates have sent their candidature, the N&E committee has indicated Dr. Christos Verikoukis as the only candidate for the Secretary position.

Considering again the TC OP&P, only the active members have the rights to vote. Currently (December 2019) the active member list is the following:

- Joel Rodrigues
- Andrea Sciarrone
- Hsi-Pin Ma
- Hassine Mouncla
- Igor Bisio
- Honggang Wang
- Christos Verikoukis
- Damla Turgut

At the moment the election occurs 5 active members (Joel Rodrigues, Andrea Sciarrone, Hsi-Pin Ma, Honggang Wang and Christos Verikoukis) out of 8 were present. Consequently, the election has reached the quorum and it was declared valid.

The result of the election is the following: 5 votes for Dr. Christos Verikoukis. Dr. Christos Verikoukis will be the next eHealth TC Secretary starting from January, 1st 2020 until December, 31th 2021.

4. e-Health TC P&P Update

The Chair explain the changes introduced by the new version of the IEEE ComSoc P&P written by the VP-TEA regarding the election process and awards. The modified version of the TC P&P are available here: <https://ehealth.committees.comsoc.org/policy/>

5. e-Health TC Re-certification

The Chair explains that all the documentation has been sent to the VP-TEA for TC re-certification. He also says that the TC has been official re-certified by the IEEE ComSoc.

6. e-Health TC Newsletter

The chair presented the TC newsletter and explain its main objectives. The person in charge for the eHealth newsletter is Dr. Nada Philip. No observations have been raised.

7. e-Health TC Special Interest Groups (SIG)

The Chair reminds to the TC members that four SIGs that have been approved by the TC during the former meeting. They are related to journal special issues, healthcom conference, workshop proposal, Future research projects proposal, and standardization.

The SIGs are the following:

- Smart and connect health
 - - ChunSheng Xin (cxin@odu.edu)
 - - Sabah Mohammed (sabah.mohammed@lakeheadu.ca)
- Big data for e-Health
 - - Jinan Fiadhi (jfiadhi@lakeheadu.ca)
- Future technologies for the health of the ageing brain
 - - Michael Taynnan Barros (michael.taob@gmail.com)
- Blockchain for e-Health
 - - Simon Fong (ccfong@umac.mo)

8. e-Health Journal/Magazine

The chair reminds that 1 Special Issues has been approved and another one is currently under preparation. The first one is on IEEE JSAC. It is already been approved. These are the details:

Title: "Internet of Things for in-home health monitoring"

Submission deadline: 1 December, 2019 (extended to 15 December 2019)

Notification of acceptance: 1 May, 2020

Final to Publisher: 1 June 2020

Publication: 3rd Quarter 2020

Guest Editors

- Joel J. P. C. Rodrigues, National Institute of Telecommunications (Inatel0, Brazil; Instituto de Telecomunicações, Portugal; Federal University of Piauí, Brazil; email: joeljr@ieee.org
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- Nada Philip, Kingston University, email: N.Philip@kingston.ac.uk
- Jia Chen, IBM, email: jiachen@us.ibm.com

Another SI is currently under preparation on the IEEE Wireless Communication Magazine (WCM). The lead GE Dr. Andrea Sciarrone refers that the SI has been tentatively accepted but official dates are available yet. Dr. Sciarrone takes the charge to notify all the TC members as soon as this new publication opportunity will be formally available.

9. Conferences Activities Update

ICC 2018: 18 papers out of 50 (36% acceptance ratio);

HEALTHCOM 2018, (108 papers out of 220, 49% acceptance ratio)

GLOBECOM 2018, 12 papers out of 36 (33% acceptance ratio);

ICC 2019, Shanghai, 15 papers out of 40, top 5 among 10 SAC tracks (37% acceptance ratio);

GLOBECOM 2019, 22 papers out of 55 (40% acceptance rate);

ICC 2020, TPC chair Dr. Honggang Wang;

GLOBECOM 2020, TPC chair, Dr. Andrea Sciarrone;

ICC 2021, TPC chair Dr. Sudip Misra;

GLOBECOM 2021, Prof. Igor Bisio;

10. Distinguished Lecturers & Member Elevation

- Prof. J. P. C. Rodrigues, 2018-2019, renewed for 2020-2021
- Dr. Giorgio Quer, 2018-2019, renewed for 2020-2021
- Prof. Honggang Wang, 2019-2020
- Prof. Sudip Misra, for 2020-2021

The Chair informs also that:

- Prof. J. P. C. Rodrigues has been elevated to the IEEE Fellow.
- Dr. Andrea Sciarrone has been elevated to the IEEE Senior Member.

11. Any other business

None.

12. Adjourn

The meeting is concluded at 13:30. The next meeting will be in ICC 2020, Dublin, Ireland.

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