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I. Message from AP Director, Zhisheng Niu

The year 2008, although it is not coming to the end yet, will definitely be a memorial year for our Asia-Pacific region. This is not only due to the big success of IEEE ICC2008 in Beijing, but also because our Calcutta chapter has been awarded as Chapter-of-the-Year (CoYA) from more than 170 ComSoc chapters. As the APB director, I am very proud of such a big achievement and would like to share with you in what follows.



First of all, the ComSoc flagship conference came back to our region again and has met with a big success. The IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC2008) was held in Beijing from 19-23 May, 2008, about 3 months ahead of the Beijing Olympic Games. 3135 paper submissions from 58 countries and regions, which is no doubt a new record in the history of IEEE ICCs/GLOBECOMs, were received. Of the 1102 accepted papers, 886 have been presented in 150 oral sessions and 216 as posters. The technical program consisted of 10 technical symposia disseminating the latest research and development results in the areas of telecommunications, 9 panel sessions and 8 workshops on the latest technical and business issues in communications and networking topics in a less formal and possibly more focused way, 26 tutorials for the state-of-art overviews of hot topics, and a mini-conference on engineering management which was jointly sponsored by IEEE Communications Society and IEEE Technological Management Council. Among them, a large number of papers were under the wireless related symposia and sessions, which does reflect the focuses of today's communication technological development. The panels were also very well received and many panels were very well attended, such as Panel Session 05 entitled "Cognitive Radio Wireless Networking: An Emerging Frontier" with more than 200 attendants.

Another highlight of ICC2008 was the social program called Student Night. In the evening of May 22, 264 students from all over the world were invited to 3 local universities (Tsinghua University, Beijing University of Post and Telecommunication, and Beihang University) by the corresponding IEEE Student Branches to communicate with the Chinese students in a party form. All of the attendees were very satisfied with the activity. They enjoyed the dinner and the parties, and they got a great chance to further acquaint themselves with other ICC student attendees as well. This has been a great "social" activity for the students. Therefore, we strongly suggest ComSoc to continue this activity in the future, where more interactions with the local universities are expected.

For more detailed report on ICC2008, please refer to August Issue of IEEE Communication Magazine.

Another big event in this region was the AP-RCCC/SSS2008, i.e., the joint congress of AP Regional Chapter Chair Congress (AP-RCCC) and Sister Society Summit (SSS). This is in fact the first time we brought our local chapter chairs and the regional sister society representatives into one room to exchange ideas of how to provide timely and relevant services to our members. Over 40 participants attended the congress covering 24 chapters and 7 sister societies. The general feeling, after the meeting, was that it is really a good idea to have the SSS in conjunction with RCCC. Therefore, we may need to continue such a trial in the future. For details on this event, please refer to the report from our Chapter Coordinate Committee in this issue.

Next, I would like to extend my warm welcome to the two new chapters: Nanjing chapter chaired by Prof. Guangguo BI from Southeast University of China and Xi'an chapter chaired by Prof. Jiandong LI from Xidian University of China. With their joining, the number of chapters in AP region has reached to 32. I do hope there will be more chapters come out in the coming new year.

Moreover, a special congratulation is sent to Calcutta chapter just as I mentioned earlier. This year, I got 9 applications from our local chapters for the Chapter Achievement Award (CAA). I first ranked the annual performance based on the Chapter Questionnaire reports prepared by each chapter chair and the predefined activity importance points (weights). The three highest ranked chapters (Dehli, Beijing, Calcutta) were then

submitted to the Achievements Awards Committee who selects the winners of both the CAA and CoYA. Calcutta chapter was finally selected as both the CAA2008 in our region and the CoYA2008 among all the ComSoc chapters. Congratulations! Here, what I want to point out is that I have modified the activity importance points (weights) as follows because I believe these activities are really important to our membership services, i.e., increased the weights for "Membership growth" from 4 points to 8 points, increased the weights for "Hold 3 Technical Meetings" from 3 points to 5 points, and increased the weights for "Membership Upgrade" from 1 points to 2 points.

Our DLT (Distinguished Lecture Tour) program has also attracted many big names from all over the world to our region. Specifically, 5 highly distinguished guests have traveled to our region, including Celia Desmond (27 May - 14 June) to Delhi, Bombay, and Bangalore; Lajos Hanzo (9-23 May) to Singapore, Chengdu, and Beijing; Norman Beaulieu (1-14 August) to South Australia, North Queensland, Queensland, and New South Wales; Khaled B. Letaief (29 May - 4 June) to Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh, Hanoi, and Hoi An; and Andy Molish (19-30 Nov) to Singapore, Ho Chi Minh, and Thailand.

Last but not the least, I'd like to announce that our regional award called APB Young Researcher Award has been decided by the APB steering committee to be held every year but not every two year as before. The call for applicants has been published on our website. Please do encourage your colleagues to submit their applications to our TAC chair Prof. Qian Zhang by the end of this year.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the APB volunteers who have made the above-mentioned achievement happen and look forward to receiving your even stronger supports in the coming new year.

Sincerely yours,

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II. IEEE International Conference on Communication(ICC) 2008 Technical Program Summary

This year, one of the biggest ComSoc events in AP region is no doubt the IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC 2008), which was held in Beijing, China, from May 19-23, 2008. This is not only because this is the first time ever that this IEEE ComSoc flagship conference was held in China just ahead of the Beijing Olympic Games, but also because of its record numbers of paper submissions and participants. IEEE ICC 2008 was jointly organized by our two sister societies: The Chinese Institute of Electronics (CIE) and Chinese Institute of Communications (CIC), along with two local key universities: Tsinghua University (THU) and Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT), under the support of the Ministry of Information Industry of China, Beijing Municipal Government, National Science Foundation of China, 4 major Chinese telecommunication operators and 2 major manufacturers. This year, we had an overwhelming number of paper submissions, 3135 paper submissions from 58 countries and regions. No doubt, this is a new record in the history of IEEE ICCs/GLOBECOMs. Of the 1102 accepted papers, 886 have been presented in 150 oral sessions and 216 as posters. The technical program consisted of 10 technical symposia disseminating the latest research and development results in the areas of telecommunications, 9 panel sessions and 8 workshops on the latest technical and business issues in communications and networking topics in a less formal and possibly more focused way, 26 tutorials for the state-of-art overviews of hot topics, and a mini-conference on engineering management which was jointly sponsored by IEEE Communications Society and IEEE Technological Management Council. Among them, a large

number of papers were under the wireless related symposia and sessions, which does reflect the focuses of today's communication technological development. The panels were also very well received and many panels were very well attended with Panel Session 05 entitled "Cognitive Radio Wireless Networking: An Emerging Frontier" co-organized by Honggang Zhang (Zhejiang University) and R. Chandramouli (Stevens Institute of Technology) being extremely well-attended with more than 200 attendants.

One of the key measures for a successful conference is the quality of keynote addresses. This year, 6 keynotes have been delivered by distinguished scientific experts and industry leaders from Asia-Pacific, Europe, and America. These include Dr. Jianzhou Wang (CEO of China Mobile Communication Corporation), Dr. Xiaochu Wang (CEO of China Telecommunication Corporation), Prof. Vincent Poor (Princeton University), Dr. Stephan Scholz (CTO of Nokia Siemens Networks), Dr. Jan Uddenfeldt (Senior Vice President of Ericsson), and Mr. Scott McGregor (CEO of Broadcom). Although both the CEOs of China Mobile and China Telecom could not deliver their keynotes by themselves due to the earthquake disaster in Sichuan, Dr. Bill Huang (Managing Director of China Mobile Research Institute) and Mr. Leping Wei (CTO of China Telecom) have made excellent speeches on behalf of their CEOs.

One highlight of the conference is the so-called "China Forum", which has been designed so as to strengthen the ties between ICC'2008 participants and local industries by addressing the fast-developing Chinese telecommunication markets. Organized by the major telecommunication operators and manufacturers, the following topics have been discussed:

- **CF01: The Development of Communications Technology and Value-added Services**
 - Chair: Yunjie Liu, Director of S&T Committee of China Unicom, Academician of CAE
 - Cochair: Jordan Guo, Director of Application & Software MKTG Dept of Huawei
- **CF02: Interactive Multi-media & AVS Standards**
 - Chair: Wen Gao, the Chief Scientist of China Netcom Labs
 - Cochair: Yifang Yu, Vice President of ZTE Corporation
- **CF03: Broadband Technology Development and Application**
 - Chair: Leping Wei, Chief Engineer of China Telecom
 - Cochair: Stevens Yang, President of Broadband Access Network Product Line, Huawei
- **CF04: The Future of Mobile Broadband Communications & LTE**
 - Chair: Jianming Zhou, General Manager of Technology Department of China Mobile
 - Cochair: Jian Hu, Vice President of ZTE Corporation
- **CF05: Mobile Communication and Internet**
 - Chair: Yang Tianxin, Vice Chief Engineer, China Academy of Telecom Research, MII
 - Moderator: Yang Tianxin, Vice Chief Engineer, China Academy of Telecom Research

Beyond our expectation, the China Forum was extremely successful. Each of the forum sessions attracted more than 250 participants and some of them even over 300. As the companion of the China Forum, the exhibition was also very successful, with 14 companies showcasing their latest technologies in their respective booths.

Students are our future. Another highlight of ICC2008 is the social program called Student Night. In the evening of May 22, 264 student participants from all over the world were invited to 3 local universities (Tsinghua University, Beijing University of Post and Telecommunication, and Beihang University) by the corresponding IEEE Student Branches to communicate with the Chinese students in a party form. All of the attendees were very satisfied with the activity. They enjoyed the dinner and the parties, and they got a great chance to further acquaint themselves with other ICC student attendees as well. This has been a great "social" activity for the students. Therefore, we strongly suggest ComSoc to continue this activity in the future, where more interactions with the local universities are expected. For example, many attendees wanted to meet more

students and professors in the communication area of the hosting universities to learn more about the research in the hosting universities and potentially get more collaboration opportunities in the future.

We believe that all attendees have found the technical program of IEEE ICC'2008 very stimulating, informative and inspiring. Such program would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of many of our volunteers. On behalf of ICC'2008 organizing committee members, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the exceptional work rendered by all the Symposia chairs and session chairs, Tutorial chairs and lecturers, Panel chairs and panelists, Mini-conference chairs, as well as the Workshop chairs and organizers. Last but not the least, special thanks go to our sponsors, TPC members and anonymous reviewers, as well as the volunteer students from Tsinghua University for their invaluable contributions.

III. Report from Distinguished Lecture Tour(DLT)

Report on Distinguished Lecture Tours (DLT)

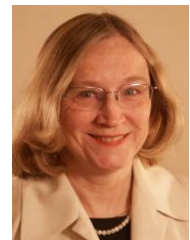
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In 2008, Communications Society approved 5 Distinguished Lecture Tours for the Asia Pacific Region.

AP DLT #1: 27th May - 14th June 2008

Lecturer - Celia Desmond

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chair
Delhi ComSoc Chapter / Delhi Section	Ram Gopal Gupta
Bombay ComSoc Chapter	Ashok Jagatia
Bangalore ComSoc Chapter / Bangalore Section	Ravikiran A



The DLT covered Delhi, Bombay and Bangalore in India. The lecture entitled "Trends in the Telecommunications Industry" was delivered in the following locations:

1. Delhi
 - 30th May 2008, Friday: Morning - Asia Pacific Management Institute
 - Afternoon - Delhi Business School
2. Bangalore
 - 6th June 2008, Friday - Morning: Wipro
 - Afternoon: Texas Instruments
 - 7th June 2008, Saturday - University
3. Bombay
 - 10th June 2008, Tuesday - Morning - Reliance
 - 11th June 2008, Wednesday - Tata Consulting Services
 - 12th June 2008, Thursday - Pune IIIT

Summary of Celia Desmond Report:

New Delhi: On May 30, Friday, I gave a talk in the morning at Asia Pacific Management Institute. The talk was well received and people engaged in some lively discussion. That afternoon we also visited Delhi Business School,

and I gave the talk to people there. They were mainly students, who presented very good questions, again triggering some debate, which was interesting.



Bangaluru: The second stop was in Bangalore, now officially called Bangaluru. This city is more like the business city, while Delhi is the government city. June 6, Friday, there were initially 3 talks scheduled, two on IEEE and one DL talk. We went first to Wipro. They brought about 45 people to hear the DL talk, in 5 locations. We broadcast to their other 4 locations, but did not take questions from them.

Then we had a 2 hour drive through the traffic to try to get to Texas Instruments on time. They also had in the order of 40 attendees for the talk - both IEEE and the DL - again in a few locations, connected via WebEx.



Initially we had also planned to go to Samsung, but they had to cancel at the last minute.

June 7, Saturday, meeting and lecture was fruitful with many new ideas. They were supportive of the WCET certification initiative. One impressive thing about this Section is that every year they try to hold something for disabled people or to help Society. They held a seminar last year for the blind and next they will have one for physically challenged people. Congratulations to them!

Mumbai: June 10, Tuesday we visited two companies to give the talk. Both are huge telcos in Mumbai and both are very active in wireless. In the morning we went to Reliance, about 45 people attended the talk, and they had good comments afterwards.

Later we went on to a building provided by MTNL, the original government telco in Mumbai. Here the talk was open to IEEE and IETE (The Indian association) members. Again we had a good meeting and discussion.

June 11, Wednesday, we visited Tata Consulting Services to give the talk, and again meet many of their management. The particular location is a Nortel lab, and the people who attended the talk were again very knowledgeable communications engineers and managers.

June 12, Thursday, in Pune we visited IIIT, an institute that has MBA and telecom management programs. They hope to become accredited as a university within the next two weeks.



AP DLT #2: 9th - 23rd May 2008
Lecturer - Lajos Hanzo

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chair
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Cheng Tee Hiang
Chengdu Section	Yangrong Li / Pingzhi Fan
Beijing ComSoc Chapter	Yangcheng Yang



The DLT covered Singapore and Beijing. Chengdu DLT had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The lecture entitled "The Four MIMOs - Myths and Realities" was delivered in Singapore and "Adaptive modulation and coding for HSDPA-style cross-layer-optimized MIMO-aided intelligent networking" was delivered

in Beijing.

1. Singapore: 14th May 2008, Wednesday- National University of Singapore

There were over 20 participants / audiences with a good mix of students, university lecturers, professional and researchers. The feedback survey from the hosting Chapter was that the presentation was excellent.

2. Chengdu: 15th May 2008, Thursday- UESTC

16th May 2008, Friday- SWJTU

The lectures in Chengdu were cancelled, since both the airport and Universities were closed.

3. Beijing: 23rd May 2008, Friday - Tsinghua University

There were over 20 participants / audiences with a good mix of students, university lecturers, professional and researchers. The feedback survey from the hosting Chapter was that the presentation was excellent.

Summary of Lajos Hanzo Report:

The tour was given at zero cost to ComSoc and was inter-woven with my participation in the IEEE VTC 2008 Spring conference in Singapore and the ICC conference in Beijing. I gave 19 regular conference papers at these events, participated in the Governors' Board meeting, chaired a panel session at both conferences and gave a half-day tutorial in Beijing.

Singapore: The ComSoc Lecture took place at NUS in Singapore and probably on the order of 30 people attended, with some from industry, such as Xilinx, I2R and a good cohort of academics as well as students also from NTU. The evening was rounded off by a generous dinner, which gave further opportunities for the exchange of both educational and research-related cross-cultural experiences.

Chengdu: Having communicated with the hosting chapter in Chengdu, in the aftermath of the earthquake, unfortunately my trip to Chengdu was cancelled, since both the airport and Universities were closed.

Beijing: To make up for the cancelled lecture, I accepted an additional invitation in Beijing to lecture at Tsinghua University. In the morning I lectured at Beihang and in the afternoon at Tsinghua U. Both lectures were attended by more than 50 people, including some visiting Professors. The lecture at Beihang also had attendees from Motorola.



AP DLT #3: 29th May - 4th June 2008

Lecturer - Khaled Ben Letaief

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chair
Vietnam Section	Son Thanh Nguyen
Thailand Section Vice Chair	Ekachai Leelarasmee
Thailand ComSoc Chapter	Sripimanwat Keattisak



The DLT covered Vietnam and Thailand. The lecture entitled "Ubiquitous Communications: The Next Wireless Frontier" was delivered in the following locations:

1. Thailand, Bangkok: 29th May 2008, Thursday - Chulalongkorn University (CU)
30th May 2008. Friday - National Telecommunication Commission (NTC)
2. Vietnam, HoiAn: 4th June 2008, Wednesday - the 2nd International Conference on Communications and Electronics (HUT-ICCE) 2008

The tour was given at zero cost to ComSoc and was inter-woven with Dr. Letaief participation in the 2nd International Conference on Communications and Electronics (HUT-ICCE) 2008 conference in HoiAn, Vietnam, and IEEE TA-MGA Executive Visit to Thailand and Vietnam.

AP DLT #4: 1st - 13th August 2008

Lecturer - Norman C Beaulieu

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chair
South Australia	Kutluyil Dogancay
North Queensland ComSoc Chapter	Mohan Jacob
Queensland ComSoc Chapter	Garry A Einicke



The DLT covered South Australia, North Queensland, Queensland and New South Wales in Australia. The lecture entitled "Trends in the Telecommunications Industry" was delivered in the following locations:

1. South Australia, Adelaide: 4th August 2008, Monday - University of Adelaide
There were about 16 to 20 audiences from both academia and industry. There were a good mix of students, university lecturers, professional and researchers. The feedback survey from the hosting Chapter was that the DLT presentation went very well and that the topic was very relevant to the audience.
2. North Queensland, Townsville: 6th August 2008, Wednesday - James Cook University

Audience Size

- i. More than 20 from academia
- ii. Less than 5 from industry

There were a good mix of students, university lecturers, professional and researchers. The feedback survey from the hosting Chapter was excellent.

3. Queensland, Brisbane: 8th August 2008, Friday - Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies

There were more than 20 participants from the industry. The feedback survey from the hosting Chapter was excellent.

4. New South Wales: Sydney - Morning: 11th August 2008, Monday - CSIRO ICT Centre

Sydney - Afternoon: 11th August 2008, Monday - UNSW

Newcastle - 12th August 2008, Tuesday - University of Newcastle

Audience Size

- iii. More than 20 from academia
- iv. Less than 5 from industry

The feedback survey from the hosting Chapter was excellent.

AP DLT #5: Scheduled Plan: 19th - 30th November 2008

Lecturer - Andy Molisch

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter / Section Chair
Vietnam Section	Son Thanj Nguyen
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Cheng Tee Hiang
Thailand ComSoc Chapter	Sripimanwat Keattisak



- Possible Topics:
- 1. Cross-layer optimization of wireless collaborative ad-hoc networks
 - 2. UWB for Sensor Networks - Standards and Open Research Challenges
 - 3. Antenna selection and RF preprocessing for MIMO systems
 - 4. MIMO antennas, propagation channels, and their impact on system design

This DLT will cover Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand

- 1. Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh: 21st or 22nd November 2008
- 2. Singapore: 25th November 2008, Tuesday
- 3. Thailand, Bangkok: 27th November 2008, Thursday

AP DLT #6: Scheduled Plan: December 2008

Lecturer - Tho Le-Ngoc

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter / Section Chair
Tainan ComSoc Chapter	Laih Chi-Sung
Taipei ComSoc Chapter	Lee Ta-Sung
Thailand ComSoc Chapter	Sripimanwat Keattisak



Possible Topics: 1. Adaptive Transmission & Resource Allocation techniques for Broadband Communications
2. Multimedia Satellite Communications
3. Advances in Broadband Access Communications
4. Resource Allocation in Broadband xDSL Access Communications

This DLT will cover Taiwan (Tainan, Taipei) and Thailand (Bangkok).

1. Tainan, Taiwan: 12th December 2008, Friday
2. Taipei, Taiwan: 15th December 2008, Monday
3. Bangkok, Thailand: 17th December 2008, Wednesday

Currently, for 2009, Communications Society has approved 2 Distinguished Lecture Tours for the Asia Pacific Region.

AP DLT #1: Scheduled Plan 2nd January - 11th January 2009

Lecturer - Mehmet Ulema

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chair
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Cheng Tee Hiang
Indonesia ComSoc Chapter	Muhammad Ary Murti
Macau ComSoc Chapter	Rui Martins



This DLT will cover Singapore, Indonesia and Macau.

The lecture entitled "An Overview to Network Management" will be delivered.

1. Singapore: 5th January 2009, Monday
2. Indonesia, Jakarta: 7th January 2009, Wednesday
3. Macau: 9th January 2009, Friday

AP DLT #2: Scheduled Plan 15th February - 20th February 2009

Lecturer - Abbas Jamalipour

Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chair
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Cheng Tee Hiang
Malaysia ComSoc Chapter	Borhanuddin Mohd Ali
Thailand ComSoc Chapter	Keattisak Sripimanwat



- Possible Topics:
1. Broadband Wireless IP
 2. Intermittently Connected Mobile Ad Hoc Networks
 3. Routing Techniques in Wireless Sensor Networks

This DLT will cover Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

1. Singapore: 16th February 2009, Monday
2. Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur: 18th February 2009, Wednesday
3. Thailand, Bangkok: 20th February 2009, Friday

IV. Committee Activity Reports

1. *Technical Activity Committee*

Call for Application of 4th Asia Pacific Young Researcher Award

“IEEE ComSoc Asia-Pacific Young Researcher Award” is sponsored by IEEE Asia Pacific Board (APB). This award honors researchers who have been very active in ComSoc publication and conference activities over the last 3 years.

- The upper age limit is 35.
- Applicants must be members in the Asia Pacific region.
- The “IEEE ComSoc Asia-Pacific Young Researcher Award” will be given to the best candidate(s).
- The candidates not selected are eligible for the award of “Outstanding young researcher(s)” which can be issued at the same time.

Award Prize

- Each recipient will receive a certificate and honorarium of US\$500.
- Each outstanding young researcher will receive a certificate and honorarium of US\$250.

Selection Process

APB shall establish a selection committee, which will determine the award recipient(s) from among the eligible applicants. The committee will then determine the outstanding young researcher(s) from the remaining applicants. Each applicant must be sent the application form to IEEE ComSoc APB TAC chair before the deadline.

- Application form should include the followings
 - Applicant’s biography
 - A list of publication and conference activities over the last 2 years, and a hard copy of the most important activity (option).
 - Description of main topics/thesis of the applicant over the last 2 years. (A4 1 page)
 - The cover page should contain the applicant’s name, affiliation, address, telephone, fax number and e-mail address.
- Application submission due
 - Jan. 1, 2009 : Application submission due
 - April 1, 2009 : Announcement of awardees

- June, 2009 : Award ceremony in ICC 2009
- Each application must be sent to the following address either by air-mail or e-mail.
 - Qian Zhang, Associate Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong
E-mail: qianzh@cse.ust.hk

2. Information Services Committee

Call for Articles to the Global Communications Newsletter in the IEEE Communications Magazine
<http://www.comsoc.org/pubs/gcn/>

Articles for the Global Communications Newsletter in the IEEE Communications Magazine are planned from the following categories (but not limited to):

- Message form AP Director/APB Committee Chairs(yearly)
- Report on DLT in AP region (yearly)
- Report on AP Young Researcher Award (yearly)
- Report from Chapter Activity in AP region (per proposal from open call)
- Report on hot topic of telecommunications R&D in AP region (per proposal from open call) Call for Articles will be posted on the AP homepage.
- Report on major international conferences in AP region ISC will contact candidate authors to collect the reports on the following conferences (but not limited to):
 - APSITT: general area (spring)
 - OECC: optical network area (summer)
 - APCC: general area (autumn)
 - COIN: optical network area (autumn)
 - APNOMS: network management & operation area (autumn)

V. Chapter Activity Reports

1. IEEE ComSoc Nanjing Chapter activities in 2008

IEEE ComSoc Nanjing Chapter was founded in April 2008 to better serve the IEEE Communications Society members in Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Anhui provinces in China.

The opening Ceremony was held on 13 April at Southeast University in Nanjing. There were over 35 chapter members and over 40 nonmembers attending the ceremony. After inauguration two keynote addresses were given titled by Development of IEEE in China and New rising wireless communications and wireless networks, respectively. Then in the afternoon the first meeting of the executive committee of ComSoc Nanjing chapter discussed and planned the activities of the chapter in 2008.

The International Conference on Communications and Networking in China, CHINACOM2008, was held in Hangzhou, China on 25-27 August, 2008. This Conference was co-sponsored by several organizations. Nanjing chapter was one of them, and played an important role in preparation, organization and technical issues of the conference. This conference received 822 submissions from 36 countries / regions worldwide, 270 papers were accepted. The conference included 8 regular technical sessions, 2 special/ industrial sessions and 3 workshops.

Nanjing chapter sponsored Workshop on Cognitive Wireless Networks was held in PLA University of Science and Technology in Nanjing on 20 September, 2008. The workshop received 54 submissions, 42 of them were accepted, presented and included in the Proceedings of Workshop on Cognitive Wireless Networks. The workshop includes two keynote addresses and four technical sessions. Among 140 attendees, more than 30 are Chapter members.

The Nanjing Chapter also co-sponsored the Conference on Communications and Signal Processing in China, CCSPC2008, which was held on 24-25 October, 2008 in Zhengzhou , Henan province in China. There were three keynote addresses and six technical sessions and about 100 attendees in the conference.

Besides above chapter-wide meets, many academic and technical seminars held locally by groups of chapter members in various universities.

VI. Upcoming conference

- *ISPLC 2009*

<http://www.ieee-isplc.org/2009/>

29 March-1 April 2009, Dresden, Germany

Full paper submission:	28 November 2008
Notification of Acceptance:	3 February 2009
Camera-Ready Submission:	24 February 2009

- *GLOBECOM 2009*

<http://www.comsoc.org/confs/globecom/2009/>

30 November - 4 December 2009, Honolulu, USA

Full paper submission:	To be advised
Notification of Acceptance:	To be advised
Camera-Ready Submission:	To be advised

- *ICC 2010*

<http://www.comsoc.org/confs/icc/2009/>

23-27 May 2010, Capetown, South Africa

Paper submission:	08 September 2008
Acceptance Notification:	15 January 2009
Camera-Ready Papers:	01 March 2009

- *INFOCOM 2010*

<http://www.ieee-infocom.org/2009/>

14-20 Mar 2010, San Diego, USA

Paper registration:	To be advised
Full paper submission:	To be advised

Notification of Acceptance:	To be advised
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Calendar of Comsoc

Conference Name	Conf Date	CITY	CTRY	CFP Deadline
MILCOM 2008	11/17/08 11/17/08	San Diego	US	02/25/08
HONET 2008	11/18/08 11/21/08	Penang	MY	09/15/08
IEEE ICCS 2008	11/19/08 11/21/08	Guangzhou	CN	06/29/08
WD 2008	11/24/08 11/28/08	Dubai	UAE	07/06/08
IEEE GLOBECOM	11/30/08 12/04/08	New Orleans	US	03/31/08
IMSAA 2008	12/10/08 12/12/08	Bangalore	IN	08/25/08
IWSOS 2008	12/10/08 12/12/08	Vienna	AT	06/22/08
FinanceCOM 2008	12/13/08 12/13/08	Paris	FR	09/01/08
IEEE ANTS	12/15/08 12/17/08	Mumbai	IN	07/31/08
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